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# Venice could soon be under water every day

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By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent

ST MARK'S Square in Venice could be flooded every day in 50 years' time, according to Britain's leading academic ex-

pert on flood control. en per year at the start of the annually now, will become a daily occurrence by the middle of

says Edmund Penning-Rowsell, professor of geography at the University of Middlesex.

warming are likely to equal the Floodings of the square, 30cm of extra tide height it takes which have increased from sev- at present to send water pouring into the Doge's Palace and century to between 40 and 60 St Mark's Cathedral, says the and other cities. professor, head of the Flood

the 21st century because of university. His warning, in a pa-will be three British experts' di-worldwide rises in sea-levels, per in the Royal Geographical rect call for the Italian govern-Journal, written with John Garment to scrap its preferred ahead later this year, is a waste diner, an internationally solution to Venice's threat from tenowned civil engineer, and Pe- the sea - a £3.6bn system of con-Rising sea-levels brought ter Winchester, an architect, will crete "flap gates" fixed on the about by man-made global be the theme of discussion to- sea bed at the three entrances day at a special conference or- to the Venetian lagoon and ganised by the Venice in Peril able to be raised to counter high Fund in London on the threat tides and lowered again to let posed by sea-level rise to Venice

The scheme, which the Ital-But most controversial for ian government has worked on Hazard Research Centre at the the conference - and for Italy - for 25 years and to which Ro-

mano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minster is due to give the goof money, Prof Penning-Rowsell and his colleagues say

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The likely savings in flood damage will in no way justify the cost of the system and with the sea-level rise expected by 2050, the gates will probably have to be closed every day, thus effectively sealing off the lagoon

Far better, they say, to plan over the next 50 years to seal off the lagoon by natural means, while tackling its formidable pollution problems caused by industrial and agricultural wastes, and build an interim series of small-scale local flood defence

"The gates are a waste of money and they simply don't term", Prof Penning-Rowsell told the Independent yesterday.

now is how often they would have to close. What happens when they have to be closed every day, as they will? It's a short-term solution." The lagoon could eventually be restored to the shallow coastal marsh it once was, he said.

The Venice in Peril Fund has assembled an impressive range solve the problem in the long of experts for today's conference at the Courtanid institute, ranging from Sir John

ronmental Pollution, and head of the scientific panel of the UN's Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, to Roberto Frassetto, one of the Venetian engineers most closely involved with the design of the gates for the lagoon. The conference is being chaired by the Prime Minister's chief environmental adviser, Sir Crispin

# Arafat and Netanyahu to meet in London summit

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor in Gaza City

THE United States is to invite the Israelis and the Palestinians for a summit in London on 4 May, Tony Blair Innounced at a joint press conference

with Yasser Arafat in Gaza last night. Following the surprise announcement by Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Sunday that he was willing to go anywhere, anytime, to further the peace process, Mr Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian Authority, said last night that he, too, was willing to join talks.

'I am not demanding the moon," he said. But he did want progress made on agreements already signed between the Israelis and the Palestinians, particularly the Oslo Accords, which have been stalled since the Israclis started breaking ground to build a controversial new settlement in occupied East Jerusalem more than a year ago.

Mr Arafat said that he would reand positively to American ideas, but added that he wanted an "effective. nuine and strong American role mplementing the American efforts". It emerged later that Mr Netanyahu d Mr Arafat will go to London for lateral talks with Madelaine Alright, the United States Secretary of capied territory on the West Bank. Those talks could well be backed up by four-way talks in which Mr Blair could play a supporting role on economic issues.

The US has proposed that Israel withdraw from 13.1 per cent of the disputed land over 12 weeks, with each pullback met by Palestinian security gestures. Israeli officials said last night that Mr Netanyahu is willing to offer a pullback from 11 per cent, up from his earlier limit of 9 per cent.

Following a visit to another Palestinian refugee camp in Gaza yesterday, Mr Blair said: "What they need is hope in their hearts that some progress is going to be made."

Economic issues are important for Gaza because of the poverty of the coastal strip. While it overlooks the Mediterranean, it has no port, let alone airport, and it is hoped that the US and Britain - current holder of the European Presidency - can, together with the Israelis and the Palestinians, create a support momentum using economic development to oil the wheels

of political diplomacy. Mr Arafat insisted last night that the European Union must play a vital and effective role. In Washington, US State Department spokesman James Rubin said that Ms Albright expected



Peace drive: Tony Blair with Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Gaza City yesterday Photograph: AP

are serious negotiations leading to movement on both sides.

Emphasising that point, Mr Blair warned that the overriding necessity was to push forward towards actual, practical progress. He said that if the talks did not go forward, then the process would move backwards - with all the risks that that involved.

A senior source close to vesterday's talks between Mr Blair and Mr Arafat said the "atmosphere" for peace had become much more concrete over the the leaders to make "substantive de- last two days of shuttle diplomacy ate, on the issues of Israeli security cisions" - indeed the summit has been with Mr Blair's flying visits to Egypt. nd the withdrawal of Israel from oc- arranged only on the basis that there Saudi Arabia, Jordan and then

Jerusalem on Sunday. Mr Blair will bave further talks with the Israeli Prime Minister in Tel Aviv this morn-

ing, before flying back to London. The British position is providing a useful lever for the US because Mr Netanyahu believes that Mr Blair understands the Israeli position and its in that determination by Mr Arafat, quintessential need for security within defensible boundaries, while Mr the peace process back on track." Arafat looks to Mr Blair as current

ensure the peace accords are upheld. Mr Blair is also seen as a man with a strong line of communication with Palestinian refugees.

The impression made on Mr Blair by the Yad Vashem holocaust memorial on Sunday and his visits to Palestinian refugee camps have strengthened his determination to do

all in his power to help. Last night, in Gaza, he was joined who said: "We will go anywhere to get

Yesterday, with his wife Cherie, the holder of the European Presidency to Prime Minister visited schools and projects run by the UN relief agency - responsible for caring for 3.4 million

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# England team select their own voodoo woman

Football Correspondent

THE days when footballers' injuries were cured with a bucket of cold water and a sponge seemed ever more distant last night, as England revealed the latest signing - a middle-aged

female faith healer. Eileen Drewery, who has assisted the career of Glenn Hod-Swindon. She's saved players' die, the England coach, since he careers. I don't think players unteam's Buckinghamshire hotel to help prepare for the World

Cup in France this summer. Hoddle, a confirmed Christian since a visit to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem 12 years ago. said: "We've been working with her for 18 months and now instead of taking players to her. she comes to us. Three-quarters of the lads [about 20 players] have seen her in the last 18 months. Physically and mental-

er made a player go - I've suggested it to them." Paul Ince, the England midfielder, said she has been a help to him mentally and physically: "It is one of those things you have to have an open mind about."

Hoddle denied he was holding England up to ridicule and added: "I've been sending players to her since I was managing doesn't matter. You do not need to be religious. I first saw her at 17 and I was not religious

Hoddle added, pointing at the ceiling: "If you ask me how it happens, you are asking the wrong person. You'd better ask somebody up there. I've seen plenty of people go to her cynically and change their minds."

Miss Drewery will stay with England until they leave for ly she can help them. I've nev- France on 9 June.

# British Library fails to consult its spell-checker



Big mistake: The image - incorporating 3ft high letters - projected on to the British

Library building at St Pancras. The projection company has admitted responsibility

Media Editor

WHEN former American vicepresident Dan Quayle misspelled "potato" on a school visit people could understand it. He was not, after all, famed for his intellectual prowess.

One might think that the British Library, repository of the biggest collection of books in the world and the home of serious learning, would have higher standards. Not so.

All weekend, a slide show beamed onto the outside of the controversial building at St Pancras in London has been promoting the opening of the library's public viewing galleries today. In words three feet high, one image proudly proclaims: "The British Library. For the nation's written heretage [sic]."

Even if it is the sort of mistake any major literary institution could make, you have to feel sorry for the press officers at the British Library. Defending a project that took 35 years and £500m to build must be a depressing business and yesterday they had nothing but resigned exasperation at the

latest little hiccup. "Thank you for telling us," said a spokeswoman wearily. "We'll get it fixed. We do care about things like spelling at the British Library, we're supposed to be famous for it."

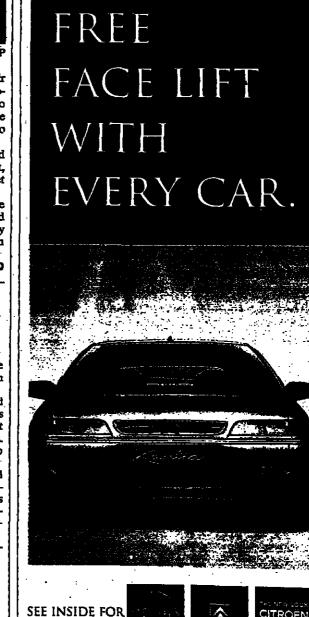
The projection company for the library has admitted that it was its film processors who

changed the spelling on the slides after they had been checked by library staff.

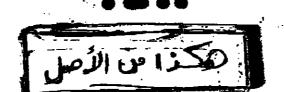
The library had a limited opening in November after years of political indecision that caused delays and cost over-runs. The launch today is supposed to be a day of good news at last. In the galleries the public will

be able to see - free of charge treasures such as Shakespeare's First Folio of 1623, the Lindisfame Gospels, the Magna Charta and the Gutenberg Bible.





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# Dewar tells police chief to resign

By Kim Sengupta

THE SECRETARY of State for Scotland and a chief constable were at the centre of an extraordinary public confrontation yesterday after an independent report accused a police force of a catalogue of failures and negleet over the murder of a nineyear-old boy.

Donald Dewar said "the buck stops at the top", and Ian Oliver of the Grampian force should " pack his bags and go ... the public, with good reason, will expect no less". But the police chief flatly refused to resign, and in turn demanded " the totally unjustified denigration of him and his men should stop.

At a hastily convened press conference in Glasgow, Mr Dewar said he was prepared to use his statutory powers to dismiss Mr Oliver, although he hoped he would leave of his own ac-

The explosive stanging match came after a report by an outside force. Lothian and Border. into Grampian's handling of the killing of Scott Simpson. The inquiry had been ordered by the Scottish home affairs minister. Henry McLeish, who was unhappy with an internal inquiry conducted by Mr Oliver's staff.

The Lothian and Border report, prepared under Deputy Chief Constable Graham Power, has among its recommendations, the complete overhaul of the CID. The inquiry found there had been corporate failure into the investigation of Scott's murder by convicted paedophile Stephen Leisk.

Vital evidence from two girls had been ignored for a period. and no statements taken from them for two days. Had police computers been used. Leisk's modus operandi would have led to his identification out of 750,000 names. The report also they would do so.

found that no one appeared to have taken overall responsibility for the inquiry.

Separate condemnation of the Grampian force came from Sir William Sutherland, Scotland's most senior police inspector. He outlined a force in disarray with too much control from the top, and too little communication at the bottom. He reserved particular criticism for the CID, and revealed two further reports are being compiled about the department. Sir William noted that the Grampian region had rising crime with the lowest detection rate north of the border, when Scotland as a whole was experiencing a significant drop.

Mr Dewar spoke about the traumatic effect the investigation has had on Scott's family, already distraught over the loss of their son. It was clear, he said. that their complaints about the conduct of the case were all founded, and they had good cause to be dissatisfied.

Scott's parents, Dennis and Patsy Simpson, both broke down in tears when they later faced the media. They accused Mr Oliver of being "arrogant" and "naïve".

Mr Oliver has already chosen to take early retirement after an unrelated controversy in February in which a newspaper published a photo of him in an apparent embrace with a married woman. The Chief Constable denied any impropriety. but announced he would be leaving the force later this year. Yesterday he said: "I am not dragging anything out. The whole matter will be dealt with according to procedures."

The Grampian Joint Police Board is due to hold an emergency meeting today. It has the power to dismiss Mr Oliver. Mr Dewar said he hoped

### 'The Independent' - an apology

We would like to apologise to readers in some parts of the country whose newspaper yesterday was less comprehensive than usual. This was due to technical difficulties at the



Pupils at the Islamia Primary School in Brent, London, the first Muslim school to enter the state sector, start of term yesterday

# reopens wounds

FOR THE publishers, Macmillan, it was meant to be a secret project - a literary coup about a murder - but by vesterday it had become an embarrassment. writes Kim Sengupta.

Project X is a book about the child killer Mary Bell, written with her co-operation by journalist and author Gitta Sereny. It recounts the killing, in 1968, of four-year-old Martin Brown and Brian Howe, aged three, for which Bell served 12 years

Despite the secrecy, news leaked out at the weekend prompting an angry response from Martin's mother. June Richardson. "I am absolutely appalled at the thought that someone can make money out of my son's death..." she said. "This brings all the hurt back."

A spokesman for Macmillan said: "It is a real blow the story got out the way it did. We wanted to present the book in a sensiliye way, and we wou have contacted the family."

# Book deal Apartheid warrior dies, aged 84

By Clare Garner

ARCHBISHOP Trevor Huddleston, who was knighted in the New Years Honours for his litelong struggle against apartheid in South Africa, died vesterday at the age of 84.

Tributes poured in last night for the man who, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu put it, "single-handedly made apartheid a world issue." Whilst he was greatly saddened by the loss of the "incredible man" who had been such an inspiration to him, Archbishop Tutu added that he was glad his friend of 50 years lived long enough to

receive his knighthood. The Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, added: 'Desmond Tutu has attested. elsewhere to the influence Trevor Huddleston had on him, but what is less well known is sands of men and women who can trace their calling - as

priests - to this man of God. Prophets are rarely comfortable to live with, and Trevor was no exception; but he will be remembered with deep thankfulness for a life lived so powerfully within the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Rt Rev Huddleston became famous for his antiapartheid stance in the Forties and early Fifties, when he was the vicar of Sophiatown, then a multi-racial area in Johannesburg. He had joined the Community of the Resurrection, a religious retreat in Mirfield, Yorkshire, in 4939; and two years later was posted to South. ible person and the world is a a ne formed close

president of the African National Congress, and Nelson Mandela.

In 1959, he founded the politicians, social workers and Nelson Mandela was incarcer-

ated on Robben Island, the Rt Rev. Huddleston, the former Suffragan Bishop of Stepney. never gave up. Whenever there was a protest to make or a vig-

way to the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square. Father Crispin Harrison, Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, where Archbishop Huddleston died, said: "The Community of the Resurrection has lost a prayerful and diligent priest, pastor and campaigner for the Gospel."

il to keep, it was he who led the

Archbishop Tutu said last night: "He was just an incredo very much better place for there having been a Trevor. Huddleston. He made sure that apartheid got on to the world agenda and stayed there. "Even in South Africa . House, where he used to be his impact on the lives of thou- Auti-Apartheid Movement, outside picketing, there is now and was later elected its pres- a bust of him. It is a wonderful

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### **Doctors** on killing charge

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TWO doctors from Great Ormond Street Hospital have been charged with manslaughter after an inquiry into the death of a young leukaemia sufferer, writes Diana Blamires.

Michael John Tsen Lee, 34, from Finsbury Park, north London, and Dermot Matthew Murphy, also 34, from Battersea, south-west London, have been released on police bail.

Police were called in after a coroner ordered an investigation into the circumstances of the death of Richie William, aged 12, who died at Great Ormond Street in July 1997.

Richie, of south London, was admitted to Great Ormond Street on 28 July last year for cancer treatment but died two days later. Scotland Yard said.

The St Pancras coroner, Dr Stephen Chan, asked the police to look into the case the following day, and the investiga-

### WEATHER



Northern Ireland will be cloudy and blustery with patchy light rain, and this damp weather will puch north to attect mestern Scotland, Eastern Scotland with bemently dry with a tew surrry spells, but mist and lowcloud will affect the north-eact coast. Most of England and Viales will start cloudy and misty with directly rain in brighten up with warm conshine breaking through, but western coasts and hulls will stay cloudy and misty

Outlook for the next few days Tomorrow, Hortham Ireland and western Scotland will see some rain. Southern and eastern Scotland will bebrighter, although it will be windy on the east coast. England and Wales will be warm with suriny spells but North Sea coacts will be cool and cloudy On Thursday it will stay unsettled in western Scotland and Northern Ireland Elsewhere, if should be dry and fairly warm it ut North Sea coastal counties will be cloudy and cool

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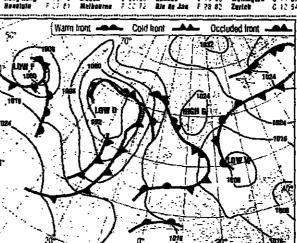
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### **MICHAEL HANLON** WEATHER WISE

THE topsy-turvy weather we've had to put up with in the past few days serve as a vivid illustration of just how awful a month April can be.

the same for summer. In January and February, typically, Britain is in the grip of the Atlantic depressions, bringing windy, wet but usually not too cold weather from the west. Sometimes northerly winds will bring snow. In summer, mild damp Atlantic air can ruin Wimbledon, but in most years there will be at least a couple of weeks' worth of hot dry conditions brought on by a hig, fat summer anticyclone. And autumn has all those pretty colours. But just about anything

goes in April. I was amazed

last Wednesday to look out from our perch in the Canary Wharf tower to see Docklands being pelted with snow. It didn't last long, but it was as much snow as I had seen in England all winter. I remember the same thing happening in April, back in 1989, driving across Salisbury Plain. From nowhere, a blizzard struck and surprised motorists started skidding into walls and into

The week before last, we had floods. The Thames at Everyone knows, more or Windsor normally a torpid less, where they are in winter, stream, took on the appearance of an Appalachian whitewater torrent. This time last year, however. I remember sunbathing on Brighton

After Christmas, April is apparently the worst time of year for suicides. This surprises people, imagining a month of sunshine, breezes: and light showers, weekends in Paris and country walks. But this is just mendacious PR and the suicide figures shouldn't surprise anyone. April is confusing, a nuisance and a danger to one's health, Truly the cruellest month.

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# In the best possible taste? A peek inside Lord Irvine's apartments

Flome Affairs Correspondent

THE lid remains unlifted on Lord Irvine's throne. The Lord Chancellor yesterday allowed the world's media to inspect the ontroversial refurbishment of his official residence but ruled that his toilet was out of bounds.

Norah Dobinson, the Lord Chancellor's train-bearer, was given the role of chamber attendant and told to guard the toilet door while frustrated reporters contented themselves with bouncing on Lord Irvine's bed. Officials involved in the £650,000 publicly funded refurbishment denied that the Lord Chancellor's celebrated convenience had been made in the style of Augustus Pugin and claimed it was a standard Victorian model of the kind that you would find in any stately A member of the Lord

Chancellor's staff later confided that the toilet - a box-style water closet with an oak surround was a cannibalised affair, not as impressive as that belonging to Lord Hailsham, one of Lord rvine's predecessors.

Instead, the focus of attention became Lord Irvine's pineapple-design flock wallpaper, derided by one critic for creating the ambience of a tandoori restaurant, but costing £300 a roll and £60,000 in total.

It was created by a north London company, John Perry, which owns the blocks for Pugin's original designs, and followed research to match the Victorian architect's original

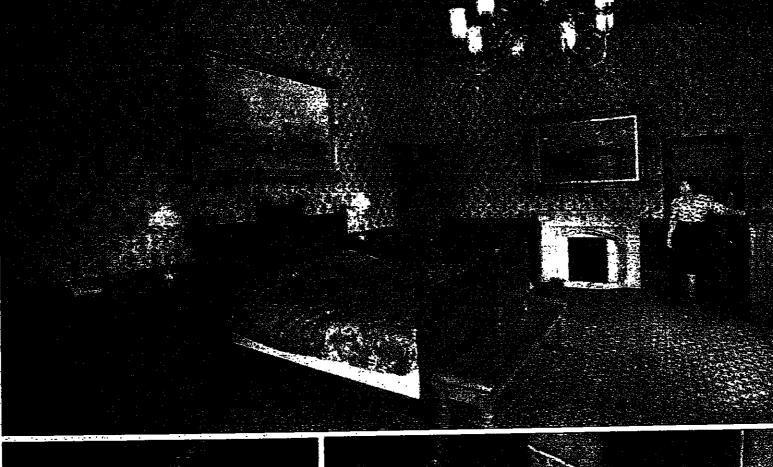
After fire damage to the Palace of Westminster in 1834. Pugin won the right to redecorate the interior in a Gothic revival style. Lord and Lady livine, who is an art historian, were auxious faithfully to recreate his vision.

The residence, which was last decorated in 1987, is one of two left in the palace. The other is for Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the Commons.

Visitors are greeted by the sight of Dante Gabriel Rossetpaintings borrowed from gal- ket stall and a work by Sir leties including the Royal Academy, the Imperial War Museum French chef in his white hat. and the National Gallery of Scotland.

A terracotta-painted corridor, designed to give a telly?" asked the former V&A favourable setting for a collection of nineteenth-century etchaings, leads on to a series of rooms overlooking Victoria

The centrepiece of the maroon-coloured dining room is a 10-place £14,000 oak table made by the Edward Barnsley workshop in Hampshire. Diners eat before a Brangwyn oil painting of a game-laden mar- Evening hangs over the bed. Or- look down on three large mar-







Inside the Lord Chancellor's residence at the House of Lords: the master bedroom (top) with paintings by McTaggart, and Lord Irvine's train-bearer, Norah Dobinson, preventing the lavatory from being photographed; the River Room (above), with Narcissus, by John Gibson, and a marble nymph by P Macdowell; and the entrance (left) with Beata Beatrix, by Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Photographs: Brian Harris

# Friends salute courage of Linda **McCartney**

Arts News Editor

THE AFFECTION in which Linda McCartney was held became evident yesterday as heartfelt tributes were made from the Prime Minister, celebrities, charity workers and

And Sir Paul McCartney's assistant, Geoff Baker, said the former Beatle - back with his family at his Sussex farmhouse was still in a state of shock after the death of his wife from cancer.

Mr Baker said: "He is being incredibly brave. It's almost impossible to put this into words because they were the ultimate soul mates. But throughout their married life they were like each other's twin. No couple in fact no mum and dad and their four children - could have been closer."

Mr Baker went on to reveal how Lady McCartney had been extremely active in the last few months - perhaps more than she had ever been - and had even recorded a number of her own songs, which are set to be released.

"She has recorded some of her own tracks - I think there are at least six - and Paul is determined that it will go on as planned," he said.

He also spoke of the bewilderment at the suddenness with which Lady McCartney's illness had returned: "She started feeling unwell again while she was enjoying a break in America to freshen her up for her new book launch later this year. She had not gone to the States for any new treatment."

Meanwhile, former Beatle Ringo Starr yesterday said Lady McCartney's "positive courage" as she battled against cancer had been "truly inspiring". He added: "Both Barbara [Bach, his wife] and I would like to say how sorry we are. We were privileged

to have known her - her positive courage through her illness vas truly inspiring."

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Dr Anthony Leathern, head of the Breast Cancer Research Group, said: "The main problem of breast cancer and the cause of Linda's tragic death is secondary spread. By the time the lump is detected in the breast it is likely to have already spread to grow in other organs and that is why our research is focused on secondary spread."

Lady McCartney had been a keen supporter of the charity Bacup, which provides information, counselling and support for people with cancer as well as their family and friends.

Chief executive Jean Mossman said: "Last year she designed and produced special Christmas cards for us using her photographs. She did so much to dispel the anxiety and fear surrounding breast cancer. Her courage in facing this disease has been an inspiration to all women affected by breast

The Vegetarian Society yesterday described Lady Mc-Cartney, a keen vegetarian, as a visionary".

And the Prime Minister. Tony Blair, spoke of Lady Mc-Cartney's "tremendous contribution" to British life. Yoko Ono, widow of former

Beatle John Lennon, said she was deeply saddened to hear of Linda McCartnev's death. A month ago, Lady Mc-

Cartney said her three-year battle against breast cancer was over and she told OK magazine: "I'm back." She added that after 30 years of marriage she and Sir Paul still felt like lovestruck teenagers. She said since their children had left home the couple had had time to re-discover simple pleasures like going to the theatre together. Leading article, page 20

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# America's super-rabbi takes on the mantle of Hugo Gryn

### IN THE **NEWS**

### MARK WINER

THE 18-month dispute over the successor to Hugo Gryn, the late senior rabbi of Britain's leading Reform Synagogue, officially ended last night with the appointment of American super-rabbi, Mark Winer. An "overwhelming" number

-77.5 per cent—of members of the West London Synagogue voterl in favour of Dr Winer becoming the new senior rabbit it was announced at the annual of general meeting. A veil was drawn over the remaining 22.5 per cent, the majority of whom were presumably moting for Rabbi Jacqueline Tabick, Hugo Give's deputy for 20 years and a popular candidate to replace him. No other Bruish rabbi had out their name forward, partly and oil respect for her.

David Leuw, president of the sagogue, thanked those who id beca involved in what was Long and drawn-out; divisive s now look forward to a truly he Taluck leading the West



William Orpen depicting a

drawing room with a sofa and

three armchairs. "Where's the

director, Roy Strong, who was

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master bedroom is an autumnal

mixture of yellow and green;

William McTaggart's Autumn

Lord and Lady Irvine have

reporting for a newspaper.

Next door is a bare-looking

Rabbi Mark Winer: Seen as counterweight to Chief Rabbi

London Synagogue forward into the next century. Whether or not relation-

ships at the synagogue have been irrevocably soured remains to be seen. It is, as Rabbi Jonathan Romain, minister of Maidenhead synagogue, and probably the leading British

alists and media-folk.

candidate for the post, said "an opportunity for healing" both within the West London Synagogue and between the various movements within Anglo-Jewry.

It was only after Rabbi

nate blinds and drapes - part of

**Humphries Weaving Company** 

in Essex - decorate a bay win-

dow which looks across the

Thames, where river barges

move slowly past St Thomas's

Hospital and Lambeth Palace.

ple-green River Room, with

views through Gothic windows

to Westminster Bridge and the

red and green awnings of the

ting sail, painted by Samuel

Scott and borrowed from the

National Maritime Museum,

Huge canvases of ships set-

Commons riverside terrace.

Most ornate of all is the ap-

£24,000 order from

Gryn's death in August 1996 that the British public realised the rift within Judaism. In a leaked letter to an ultra-Orthodox rabbi, regarding his memorial service. Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, referred to Dr Gryn as a "wrecker of the faith" and described himself as the greatest enemy of the Progressive movements.

All eyes will be on Rabbi Winer for the next few months. He is an outsider, an unknown quantity as far as most of the congregation is concerned. He was headhunted from the United Statesand, many believe, brought in as a heavyweight who could

THE WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE Membership is mainly middle class and highly articulate. It includes the actresses Maureen Lipman and Felicity Kendal, as well as judges, barristers, academics, industri-

Built in 1870, it is known as the cathedral synagogue - the prestige venue for Jewish society weddings, it was the first Reform synagogue and one of the largest across the denominations. atherest excitement that all of Rabbi Winer, was born in Utah and raised in Texas. He is President of the National Council of Synagogues, the ptional team of Rabbi umbrella group for the Reform and Conservative move-Wark Winer and Rabbi Jacque-ments in the United States, and is known for his negoti-

take on the Chief Rabbi. One member of the selection panel said of him: "He played a key role in the development of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican – at Israel's invitation. It's very important for Reform Judaism that we have a national high-profile figure. We have to have someone equal to Sacks as a counterweight."

ble sculptures, includi

The 60-foot room, with its

original Pugin walnut chaise

longues and wood ceiling, is

where the Irvines will do much

of their entertaining. Graham

Goode, furnishing manager of

the Parliamentary Works Di-

rectorate, praised their "en-

denied it was an excessive use

of public funds. "I would say it

represents good value for mon-

ey". At the end of the month the

residence will open for three

hours a week to members of the

public with a "bona fide inter-

Gibson's Narcissus.

Like Dr Sacks, Rabbi Winer has a secular academic background to his religious rabbinic training. He is a tall, physically imposing man, with impressive academic credentials. He has a first class degree from Harvard and a doctorate from Yale. A council of six, including

two women and the vice-chancellor of London University, unanimously voted for Rabbi Winer. However, a vociferous wing of the synagogue objected to the passing up of Rabbi Tabick, and the decision went to a postal ballot.

Some members felt that turning down Rabbi Tabick was a betrayal of Reform Judaism's proud feminist record.-But David Walsh, the former chairman of the Reform Movement, who chaired the council, described suggestions that Rabbi Tabick was overlooked because she is a woman as

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# Ulster amnesty could include Scots Guards

By Colin Brown

Chief Palitical Compagnations

THE early release of two Scots Guardsmen serving life sentences for murder on duty in Ulster could be speeded up as part of the release of prisoners under the Northern Ireland peace settlement. MPs were told vesterday.

· Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said Jim Fisher, 29, from Ayrshire, and Mark alist and republican prisoners. Wright, 24, from Arbroath, who were imprisoned following the shooting

covered by the terms of Good Fri-

Lord Dubs, the minister in the Lords, went further by telling peers a decision on their future "might be

The release of the two soldiers, whose appeal is also due to be heard in October, could help to quell growing unease about the early release on licence of around 400 loy-

Deep Tory unrest over the issue of prisoner release yesterday threat-

of a Belfast teenager in 1992, were ened to upset the bipartisan tone in the Commons, when Ms Mowlam made a statement to MPs confirming the terms of the peace settle-

> All three mainland party leaders Tony Blair, William Hague for the Tories and Paddy Ashdown, for the Liberal Democrats - signalled yesterday they are ready to go to Northern Ireland to lead the united campaign for a "yes" vote to endorse the settlement in the

referendum on 22 May. The President of the United

support the campaign, but may forestall a visit to avoid it being counter-productive with the Union-

The Government is determined to keep up the momentum, and the legislation putting the referendum and the terms of the settlement into effect is being rushed through the Commons on Wednesday under the parliamentary orders procedures. which shortcuts the system at

A new sentence review body is

on a case by case basis, Ms Mowlam told the Commons. Most prisoners would qualify for release on licence within two years, but if the peace holds, the remainder will also be

released at that point. Paramilitaries on both sides of the Northern Ireland divide have welcomed the release of their prisoners. Ms Mowlam said: "Let me be clear - this is not an easy issue for anyone but it is an indispensable part of this agreement."

She sought to calm fears by in-

States. Bill Clinton, is also ready to being set up to look at each prisoner sisting that any prisoners who were released on licence could be returned to prison if they returned to violence. And it will not apply to any offences committed after the settlement on 10 April.

Cross-party praise was heaped on Mr Blair, the Secretary of State, and other key players for the success in achieving the agreement, but that failed to mask the deep reservations in the Tory ranks.

Desmond Swayne, a right wing Tory backbencher, accused the Government of establishing a separate carefully indeed.

category of "political crime" in Britain for the first time by allowing the releases. Quentin Davies, anofher outspoken Tory, broke the bipartisan mood in the Commons by claiming that criminals could negotiate an amnesty if enough people

Kate Hoey, the Labour MP who is also a strong Unionist, warned Ms Mowlam that the early release of prisoners could be the issue on which the settlement could founder imless it was dealt with "very very

# Tate appoints outsider as director of new gallery

By David Lister Ante Clause Editor

THE Tate Gallery has bypassed the British art world to which will open in the year 2000.

Heading the country's first national modern art gallery was the biggest job to come on the were Sandy Naime, assistant market in the contemporary art world for some years - even though the new director will still pentine Gallery in London. he answerable to overall Tate director Nicholas Serota.

The Tate's trustees, in consultation with Mr Serota, have now have its own director just decided to appoint 41-year-old





Bankside Tate director Nittve (top) and overall director Serota

Lars Nittve to run the converted power station at Bankside in south London. When it opens. it will be one of the grandest millennium projects and will house an international collection of 20th-century art.

Mr Nittve has been the director of the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art in Copenhagen. Denmark, since 1995. He was born in Stockholm and has written extensively on modern art.

Mr Seroja said vesterday that the appointment emphasised that the new museum would be a truly internationat one. "We live increasingly in an international world," he said. "Half a dozen directors of major museums in America are not American, and it is

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perhaps surprising that we have not had a foreign director of a major museum in this

appoint a Swede as director of had been 20 applications for the the Tate Gallery of Modern Art job and a final shortlist of six, with two of those from Britain. Among names thought to have been considered for the job director at the Tate, and Julia Peyton Jones, head of the Ser-

Mr Serota said there would be a team approach to the new museum, but Bankside would as the Tate in Liverpool does. The new gallery would ask questions such as "What does Picasso mean to us, what does Matisse mean to us, what is the significance of the Rothko room?" The Tate Gallery in Millbank will devote itself to the history of British art once the

Trying to define his own artistic preferences, Mr Nittve would not name individual artists, but said that he had grown up deeply influenced by the minimalist generation.

Bankside so exciting."

Asked it he was looking forward to coming to Cool Britannia, Mr Nittve replied: "Great Britain really does seem to be bursting with creative energy at the moment, cool or

added ominously that that resources at the time and the

Richard Jarman has been appointed interim artistic director of the Royal Opera House on a fixed term two-year contract. The former director of Scottish Opera will look after artistic ballet companies during the redevelopment of the house. The post of general director has

country previously."

new museum opens.

On the question of free admission, Mr Serota said that it remained policy for the Bankside museum to be free, but would depend on the extent of government's attitude.

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He confirmed that there

He added: "With the benefit of superb architecture in an outstanding location, and thanks to the Tate's extraordinary collection, the Tate Gallery of Modern Art has the potential to become one of the forein the world. Alongside the grand vision, I see this as a museum deeply rooted in its local community, and it is that fusion of global thinking with local life and action that, for me, makes



Journey's start: Irene Benjamin setting off from Glasgow yesterday on Dales pony Gemma for her attempt at a record 1,250-mile ride raising funds to save rare breeds of horse and pony. Riding side-saddle after an accident that threatened to leave her paralysed, she aims to finish at the Surrey County Show on 25 May

# TUC offers deal to ministers Nanny, 26, accused of over trade union recognition

By Barrie Clement

Labour Editor

THE TUC yesterday offered to strike a deal with the Government to prevent a damaging confrontation over union rights in the workplace.

As part of the compromise. unions have reluctantly accepted that a simple ballot majority would not be sufficient to enforce union recognition.

Bowing to the views of the Prime Minister, who is keen to erect substantial barriers before union rights are granted, the TUC has agreed to a more stringent test of support, given that there might be a low turnout in

In a paper to be presented to ministers, unions will suggest that 30 per cent of all those eligible to vote will need to endorse recognition before it is enforced. As revealed in The Independent yesterday. Tony Blair's advisers had privately should be 40 per cent.

John Monks, TUC general secretary, dismissed the employers' figure as "far too high". He hoped the TUC's gesture. which echoed the kind of test applied by conciliation service Acas in the 1970s, would break the impasse which has dogged talks involving senior trade

unionists and the Government. Informed union sources yesterday believed that the decision, endorsed by the TUC's ruling general council, would expedite matters and that the Government would publish its conclusions by the end of the week.

In reply to a demand from the Confederation of British Industry that small firms must be excluded from the law, the TUC suggested there should be a straightforward test of union membership at organisations with 10 or fewer employees. He said that where more than half the workforce were unionised,

suggested that the proportion the law should apply. Such an arrangement should cover all companies which in some cases would obviate the necessity for ballots. In its submission to the Government, the CBI suggested that companies with fewer than 50 employees should be exempt, but unions have ar-

gued that such a limit would dis-

enfranchise some 7 million

workers. Yesterday's statement was issued partly to spike the guns of the more militant delegates to the Scottish TUC's annual conference in Perth. Union leaders in London were concerned that undue stridency from north of the border would alienate key

The TUC also suggested vesterday that ballots on recognition should be conducted at the workplace rather than by post, but such a stipulation could be sacrificed in further discussions with ministers over the next few days.

Mr Monks intimated that other commitments on employment rights in the Labour Party manifesto would be included in the White Paper Fairness At Work, which will contain the proposals on union recognition.

The Government's proposals will envisage a law which will allow employees involved in lawful industrial action to claim unfair dismissal where necessary.

There will also be measures to outlaw discrimination against trade unionists and there will be a blanket right for workers to be represented by union officials. Unions also understand that there will be enhanced rights to parental leave, and action against "zero hours"

It is also understood that the government will reduce the qualifying period for employment rights, such as protection against unfair dismissal from

# injuring baby

AN Australian nanny has been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a six-month-old girl, currently in a critical condition at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London. Louise Nicole Sullivan. 26, appeared before magistrates in London yesterday and was remanded for a week. The girl, who was in Ms Sullivan's care, was taken to hospital last Friday.

### BT admits ear damage.

BRITISH Telecom will have to pay out thousands of pounds in compensation after admitting it was to blame for ear damage suffered by some of its employees, a solicitor claimed yes-

The worst affected of the 20 telephone operators, who received acoustic shock from piercing noises coming through their headsets, could get up to £100,000 each, according to solicitor Adrian Fawden. He said many other telephone workers who had also suffered hearing damage were coming for-

A spokesman for BT said all the equipment used by its operators since the cases emerged had been changed.

### No action over puddle death

THE Crown Prosecution Service yesterday said it would take no further action in the case of a three-year-old boy found dead in a puddle. Louis Wedge from Maltby, South Yorkshire was found dead on a disused railway line on 4 April.

A 15-year-old girl with learning disabilities and a threeyear-old boy were questioned about the incident by police.

### War crimes hearing

A MAN aged 77 appeared in Bow Street magistrates' court, London, yesterday charged with murdering five people under the 1991 War Crimes Act.

Anthony Sawoniuk, of Bermondsey, south London, is accused of killing the five Jews during the Second World War. in the Nazi-occupied Belorussian town of Domachevo between September and December 1942. He was released on condi-

### Diana body guard resigns

TREVOR Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who survived the Paris car crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales and two others, has informed Harrods boss Mohamed Al Fayed that he

In a statement issued yesterday through his solicitor, Mr Rees-Jones said he had resigned in order to "move forward" with his life after the tragic events of last August.

### Company theft charges

THE finance director of the Owen Oyston Group of companies appeared in court yesterday charged with stealing more than £232,000. Allan Robin Oakley, 45, of Rossall, Fleetwood. Lancashire, was remanded in custody by Preston magistrates. Mr Oakicy faces two separate charges alleging the theft of cash belonging to the media group before July and August

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### Residents protest against Cooke

ANGRY residents yesterday met police and community leaders amid fears that child killer and paedophile Sydney Cooke may be moving into their area.

Reports at the weekend suggested that the 71-year-old would be transferred into a bail hostel in the St Paul's area of Bristol. But around 100 people vented their anger at the proposal, which they say would be disaster for the troubled area.

Superintendent Steve Allen. who is based in the district's police station, said: "We don't want Sydney Cooke in the central Bristol district because he presents very difficult policing problems. But there is no community who does want him."

The officer stressed that Mr Cooke, who was released from prison on 6 April after serving nine years for the manslaughter of Jason Swift. 14, was not in Bristol,

No decision on his longterm residence had yet been Ray Sefia, a local councillor,

told the meeting: "I hope Sydnev Cooke will hear what we have said and decide that this is not the area for him to move to. "I have had a promise from

the highest authority I can get that nothing is going to happen before April 27." The hostel is just five minutes walk from two primary

schools and a nursery.

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### Towards the paperless office

Sir Colin Marshall is a very busy man these days. In recent weeks the Government has repeatedly drafted Sir Colin, chairman of British Airways and president of the CBL to serve on some of its most thrilling new initiatives. For example, Sir Colin has joined with Peter Mandelson and Stella McCartney to serve on the "Committee of Cool" Panel 2000 which is charged with finding ways to project Tony Blair's "new." Britain overseas. Sir Colin was also appointed - this time by Gordon Brown - to head yet another government taskforce, this one charged with studying a possible energy tax on industry. No doubt Sir Colin's diary is crammed with board meetings, committee sessions and taskforce conferences and leaves little time for anything else, including reading. Could that be why he has told staff at his taskforce investigating the complex issues of energy taxation that all reports and papers must be limited in length - not to exceed two A4 sides of paper?

#### No room at the embassy

Last week The Box revealed that our highly social Washington embassy refuses to invite anyone from the . Labour Party's US branch to its parties and receptions. Now Pandora has learned that the embassy's snooty attitude includes a policy whereby only British ministers of Cabinet rank may stay overnight in one of the embassy guest rooms. Everyone else, including ministers of state, must make do with a hotel room downtown.

### New York's red light zone

Magazine icons are being shattered on a regular basis in New York these days. First, The Box reported Vanity Fair's embarrassing episode in which a VF journalist gave comedian Jerry Seinfeld (pictured) a pre-publication look at his own



cover profile. Now comes word that the beloved hero of the pre-Tina Brown New Yorker crowd, the late editor William Shawn, whose journalistic integrity and personal probity were always beyond reproach, had a 40-year adulterous affair with one of his writers. This is revealed by Lillian Ross, the writer in question, in a forthcoming memoir. Yesterday the New York Post quoted an anonymous New Yorker writer as saying the magazine, "had always been a

hothed of wife-swapping. It was a den of goddamn iniquity ... people were leaping in and out of bed with each other ... there was so much inter-office romance going on, it makes one wonder how they got a magazine out every week."

### Plugging the 18th hole

Pandora met a friend over the weekend who was still, many days later, shaking his lacad over this year's ERC coverage of the Masters' golf tournament. Commentators Peter lliss and Alex Hay lavished praise lack of commercialism at the famous Augusta, Georgia golf course. Its beautiful fairways separated by tall mature pines inspired both men repeatedly to compare it on-air to that golfing mirvana known as ... Woburn Golf & Country Club in Milton Keynes? Hardly the British equivalent of Augusta, you might think, but not all that surprising Pandora supposes. Not when you know that Woburn's new course is being designed by Peter Alliss and that the club's managing director is Alex Hay.

### Fayed goes palace-hopping

Some weeks ago The Box broached the subject of Mohamed Al Fayed's possible departure from London should he fail to receive British citizenship. This exodus seems increasingly likely. Last week newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic wrote about the renovations begun by Mr Fayed on his New York residence. The Harrods owner apparently has paid \$100,000 to buy a corridor which connects his two tower apartments in the Hotel Pierre with their sweeping views of Central Park. Now Pandora has heard a rumour that al-Fayed is considering the sale of his residence at 55 Park Lane. The asking price is said to be well over £200m.

### Krishna's virtual reality

Wonder why you haven't seen that conga-line of shaven heads in suffron robes chanting "Harry Harry ..." on Oxford Street recently? Because they're being made obsolete. It seems even the International Society for Krishna Consciousness has gone digital. In several months' time, an exhibition will open in Delhi in which chanting robots will be introduced. These are an advance on the robots already on display in Los Angeles and Bangalore.

### DAILY POEM

From the "Rubaiyat"

by Omar Khayyam (Persian, c. 1100), translated by Edward Fitzgerald ·

Think, in this hattered Caravanseral Where Portals are observate Night and Day, How Suhan after Suhan with his Pomp Abode his destined Hour, and went his way.

They say the Lion and the Lizard keep The Courts where Jamshyd gloried and drank deep:
And Bahram, that great Hunter - the wild Ass
Slamps o'er his Head, but cannot break his Sleep.

I sometimes think that never blows so red Tin Rose as where some buried Cuesar bled; Thul every Hyacinth the Garden wears Drops in her Lap from some once lovely Head.

And this paining Herb whose tender Green Fledges the River Lip on which we lean -Air lean upon it lightly! for who knows From what once lovely Lip it springs unseen!

This week's Daily Poems select a few of the great translations into English in the 1300-page compendium World Pottons into English in the 1300-page compendium World Pottons an analysis of verse from analysis to our time. The tack is caused by Katharine Washburn, John S Major and Clifton Fadiman (W W Norton, £25), and published on Toursday to coincide with World Book Day.

# Britain warned of nappy mountain

By Linus Gregoriadis

NAPPY disposal is costing the taxpayer £40m a year and is responsible for a growing proportion of landfill waste. campaigners claimed yesterday.

"The Women's Environmental Network (WEN) and the Real Nappy Association are urging parents to forgo the convenience of throwaway nappies in favour of the environmental and financial benefits of reusables.

Speaking at the start of Real Nappy Week yesterday, Ann Link, WEN's waste prevention co-ordinator, said: Nappy waste is harmful, unnecessary and expensive. Yet there are simple, cost-effective steps we can take now to put an end to it. In Australia, for example, real nappies are just the norm. And in some parts of Canada. over 70 per cent of parents choose real

"We aim for at least 50 per cent of parents to be using real nappies within the next five years which will leave the world a much better place for their babies to grow up in."

It costs £40m a year to dispose of an estimated 1 million tonnes of nappy waste, of which 75 per cent is urine



an estimated 500 years to break down a £500 saving per baby. and add to the build-up of methane gas, environmentalists say.

and faeces, according to WEN figures. drastically to reduce the market share novations in nappy design mean that

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landfill sites where nappies can take cent - say real nappies can represent

Reusables can be washed bygienically at 60C and are less likely to cause Advocates of reusables - who hope skin problems like eczema, while in-

Most nappy wastage is taken to of disposables from an estimated 85 per they no longer necessarily require pins or folding, the groups claim.

The National Association of Nappy Services says there are now about 20 nappy laundries in the UK. Guy Schanschieff, a spokesman for the association, said: "If you don't think the rot."

Sitting pretty: Before disposables, towelling nappies were universal Photograph: Fred Morley/Hulton Getty

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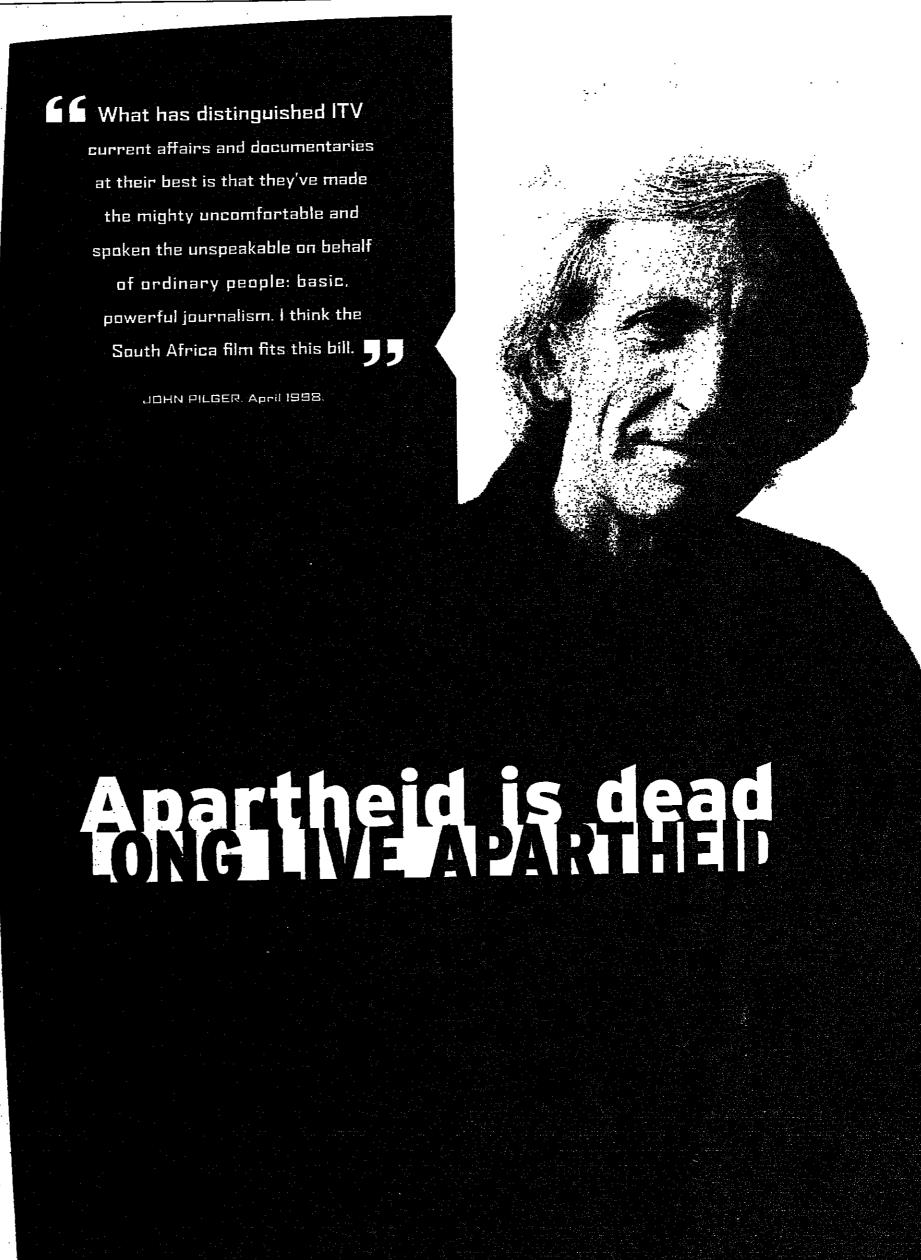
where the disposable nappy has come from, how it has been made, what it might he doing to the baby or where it goes once you have put it in the bin, then it is a great product. But most parents in the 1990s are concerned by one or all of those things.

Once councils have removed paper and glass and plastic from the equation they find that nappies account for 15 per cent of household waste ...

"Disposable nappies aren't just going to disappear. Companies have phenomenal marketing budgets. There is always some new advert on television about the latest disposable nappy."

The Waste Minimisation Bill, initiated by WEN and designed to help local authorities reduce their wastage, is awaiting its Third Reading in the House of Commons.

Ann Link said: "Every year we produce enough rubbish to cover a large city waist-deep but local authorities complain they cannot prevent waste. Something can now be done to stop



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# E.coli inquiry told of deadly meat sandwich

how she found her elderly mother dead on the floor, a victim of the world's worst recorded outbreak of E.coli O157 food poisoning.

The evidence was given as the inquiry into the outbreak. which claimed 20 lives, opened yesterday in Motherwell.

Linda Blair, 45, of Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, found her mother, Annie Criggie, dead on 26 November 1996. She gave her evidence in the form of a written affidavit, as she was unable to attend the inquiry on medical grounds.

The affidavit said that Mrs Criggie, 70, had told her daughter two days beforehand that she was suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting, and that the illness had begun four days previously on 22 Novem-

mother appeared very unwell and in particular her speech was slurred, she was pale and she was unable to concentrate," the affidavit said.

Ms Criggie's doctor was called and said that she should remain at home and that, while she was not dehydrated, samples would be taken for test-

Ms Blair's affidavit continued: "Her mother slept for most of that day and the deponent visited her on separate occasions to check on her well-

'At approximately 7pm on 26 November, 1996, she went to her mother's flat and discovered her mother lying on the floor without signs of life.

"An ambulance was summoned immediately and it was confirmed that her mother was dead." Mrs Blair was

day, 26 November 1996, her later told that her mother had been suffering from an E.coli O157 infection the inquiry heard.

The elderly woman was in the habit of eating a cold meat sandwich every day and after her death packets of cold cooked meat bought from a Scotmid store in Bonnybridge were found in her

The inquiry, which resumes today, is expected to last up to three months.

A total of 20 elderly people were widely reported to have died in the outbreak in which John Barr's butcher's shop in Wishaw was implicated.

But 21 names appear on the formal petition on which the fatal accident inquiry is based. Officials told reporters it

was for Sheriff Principal Graham Cox. conducting the inquiry, to decide what deaths

Arriving for the inquiry earlier today. Wishaw solicitor Paul Santoni, acting for many of the relatives, told reporters: We simply want the truth. If we get that. I will be absolutely delighted. It is all we want -

just the truth." The only witness to give evidence in person vesterday vas police scenes of crime officer David Ferguson, 29, who took photographs at John Barr's butcher's premises after the outbreak began.

The inquiry heard that some of these photographs show what appeared to be a bloodstain coming down the wall below a metal rack in part of the premises, and bloodspots on the floor.

The inquiry is taking place in a large church centre in central Motherwell, converted



Sinking hopes: Britain's largest lido, Knap Pool in Cold Knap, South Glamorgan, faces an uncertain future after failing to win listed status. The pool now has little chance of getting Lottery Heritage funding

One in six bodies will miss the millennium

bug deadline

By Charles Arthur Science and Technology Editor

ONE IN six United Kingdom organisations are set to miss the deadline for converting their computer systems to deal with the "millennium bug" after December 1999, according to a

The problems will be greatest in public-sector organisations, particularly hospitals, because they have put comparatively little effort into solving the problems of programs now running in computers and microprocessors which control vital systems such as air conditioning.

"It might not matter much if the air conditioning doesn't work in an office, but if it puts your operating theatre out of action, that's important," said John Cotterell, director of Year 2000 Services at consulting company Cap Gemini UK. which carried out the survey.

The survey last month among 1,200 organisations in rope and the United States, found that larger companies were the least ready. It means that millennium bug problems could affect companies responsible for 38 per cent of UK. gross domestic product (GDP).

"That does not mean that 38 per cent of GDP will be lost we don't know how critical noncompliance will be to the functioning of those organisations. It just means that 38 per cent of UK GDP will be affected in some way," Mr Cotterell said.

The millennium bug arises because programs that store the year as a two-digit figure cannot distinguish between the 20th and 21st centuries. This could cause the program to crash or falsely report an error; in some automatic systems, that could make the machine switch itself off. Such programs

have to be identified and either rewritten or replaced.

Of five sectors surveyed - finance, utilities, public-funded, manufacturing, and retail/distribution - the best prepared were in the banking and finance industry, where most had completed planning and were implementing changes. But only 30 per cent of utilities had reached that stage, while just 16 per cent of public-sector organisations had moved beyond planning. The problem is acute in hospitals.

Separately, a survey by the Scottish-based magazine Insider Technology has found that three-quarters of National Health Service trusts in Scotland say they cannot complete millennium bug fixes on their current budgets, and 90 per cent feel that government spending caps are hampering their efforts.

"I don't want to be alarmist. but the timebomb is ticking away. There really are serious issues for patients." Donald McNeill, secretary of the Institute of Health Service Manmagazine. Health trusts are understood to be submitting revised budgets to the Government to include the cost of

preparing for the year 2000. But the problem is more widespread. For the whole of Europe and the US, one in seven organisations are set to miss the deadline on average. The highest rate of non-compliance is in Germany. Finland, the Netherlands and Belgium

Spending has lagged: the cost of fixing the millennium bug in Europe and the US is estimated at £448bn, of which the UK's share is £32bn. But so far the UK has spent just £8bn of the £124bn that has been spent overall. Only the US has got further ahead, having spent 31 per cent of the £325bn bill it faces.

### Helicopter crash leaves four dead

THE BODIES of four people were found in the wreckage of a helicopter after it crashed into woodland, police said yesterday. They were discovered near Gumley, Leicestershire, after a member of the public spotted the wrecked aircraft.

Police began searching for the aircraft at 10pm last night when a member of the public heard a helicopter with engine trouble and the sound of a crash over Saddington, near Market Harborough.

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It is not known whether the helicopter burst into flames before or after the crash or what caused it to go into the woods on the Leicestershire-Northamptonshire border. Police believe all four people on board were local but they have not been identified and it is not known if they are male or female. "This is horrendous and it is a terrible tragedy. Our

hearts go out to the families of the people in there," said Chief Inspector Chris Garnham.

Police officers on foot and members of the Derbyshire mountain rescue service conducted a "structured" search of the area in the early hours and were joined by a police belicopter after poor weather improved. The scene has been cordoned off until crash investigators arrive.

A spokesman said: "Inquiries are being made as to the identities of the four dead people, but it is believed they were the only occupants of the fourseater behoopter. Members of the Air Accident Investigation Branch are expected at the scene later today to begin an investigation into the cause of the accident." The Civil Aviation Authority said the helicopter was a Robinson R44 on a pri-

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Package deal: Shareholders will be entitled to discounts on Thomson holidays

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# Small investors seek place in the sun with holiday firm flotation

By Andrew Yates

THOMSON Travel Group, the UK's biggest tour operator, yesterday launched the largest stock-market flotation of the year so far – which will give hundreds of thousands of customers the chance to receive 10 per cent discounts on their holidays for the rest of their

The sale of Thomson, which sends millions of Britons to the sun every year, has created the sort of stampede for shares from the general public normally reserved for Government privatisations.

More than 350,000 people have already registered an interest in buying shares in Thomson, making it one of the most popular share flotations of recent years.

Thomson revealed yesterday that strong demand from the

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public has dramatically in- shares. Members can also book over the phone rather than go creased the stock-market value of the group. Shares will be priced at between 140p and 170p, valuing it at £1.4bn-£1.7bn, up to £400m more than the City originally expected.

Customers applying for £500 worth of shares stand to save hundreds of pound a year on holidays by joining "The Founders' Club". They will then be entitled to claim 10 per cent off the brochure price of all Thomson bolidays, including those taken with its Holiday Cottages operation. Two adults and a child booking an average Thomson holiday stand to save £112. However, potential sav-

ings are unlimited. Founders' Club members can receive the discount on every holiday they book and can take as many breaks as they like each year as long as they hold a holiday for any number of friends and work colleagues as long as they also join the travelling party.

The overwhelming response to the share issue means that the amount of money needed to be invested to qualify for membership of the Founders' Club could be scaled back. That means investors could have to stump up far less than £500 to be entitled to receive discounted holidays. The 10 per cent of the share issue currently allocated to the public could also be increased. "

The Thomson giveaway means the group is likely to forgo tens of millions of pound a year in revenues. However, Thomson claimed yesterday that the scheme would be largely self-financing. It would be able to cut costs sharply as custhrough travel agents which charge commissions.

The public have until noon on 7 May to return application forms for shares. The final flotation price will be set on 11 May and the shares will start trading a week later.

Thomson's 14,000 employees can also join in the share bonanza. They will be able to apply for 5 per cent of the shares offered in the flotation.

Each member of staff will also receive share options worth 10 per cent of their current salary. That will be worth anything from to £800 for a sales assistant at its Lunn Poly travel agency chain to £3,000 to a senior captain at Britannia. the group's airline.

However, the employee offer disappointed trade unions who were seeking 10 per cent

# Lawrence inquiry 'unfair to police'

POLICE officers called to give evidence at an inquiry into the murder of teenager Stephen Lawrence are being treated unfairly, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon said vesterday.

Sir Paul said through Jeremy Gompertz, his counsel at the inquiry, that officers had been heavily criticised and there was a danger of relations between police and the black community oeing put at risk.

A number of police officers have given evidence during the had not been completed. inquiry into the racially-motivated stabbing of Stephen, an 18-year-old schoolboy, who was killed in Eltham, south London in April 1993.

Some have been accused by Michael Mansfield, QC, for the Lawrence family, of not telling the truth and of insensitive treatment of the fam-

As the inquiry resumed yesterday at the Elephant and Castle, south London, Mr Gompertz said: "The Commissioner appreciates the need for thorough and fearless investigation, which may well include criticism of police officers, but he is concerned that the confrontational nature of cross examination of some of the police officers has not assisted the search for truth.

"Such cross examination may be appropriate to adversarial procedures, but not to an inquisitorial hearing, where it may lead to witnesses failing to do themselves justice by adopting an unduly defensive attitude.

This is unhelpful to the inquiry and may be unfair to the witness. More seriously, the Commissioner is concerned about the damage which is being done to the relationship between the police and the black

"If police witnesses are constantly pilloried by a barrage of confrontational cross examination, the attempts by the Metropolitan Police to rebuild that relationship which was senously harmed by the aftermath of Stephen's murder, could be

set back significantly." Mr Gompertz said the Commissioner was also concerned that statements to the inquiry by Stephen's parents Doreen and Neville, and by chief mui der witness Duwayne Brooks,



Chairman of the inquiry, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, said he hoped it would proceed "in a calm and dignified way".

He said: "We do not wish to have antagonistic cross examination as a lead. I must leave it to parties to take their instructions from their clients. It would be better if moderation was exercised during cross examination in both length and

He added: "All witnesses should be treated with sensitivity and compassion."

No one has been convicted of Stephen Lawrence's murder. The hearing continues today.

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### Boy aged 15 hanged himself in cell

A BOY aged 15 hanged himself in police custody after being arrested as a burglary suspect, an inquest was told yesterday.

David Green, of Erskine Road, Hartlepool, Cleveland, was found unconscious in his cell on Easter Monday last year, and died in hospital two days later. He had been detained on suspicion of burglary and possession of a controlled

Andrew Jenkins of Hamilton Road, Hartlepool, told the inquest that he found David in his house on 30 March 1997. When he apprehended him, he said the boy became very agitated and began crying. Mr Jenkins' wife, Linda, said that

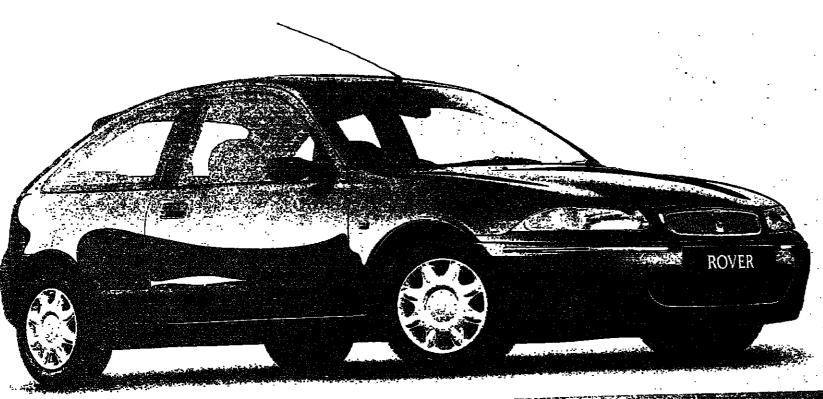
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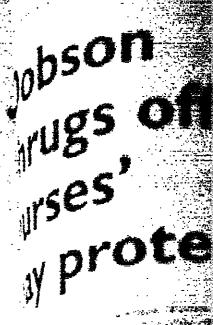
as David was led away he lunged at a door frame, hitting his head twice while shouting be was going to kill himself. However, when she drew this to police attention, an officer replied: 'No, he won't."

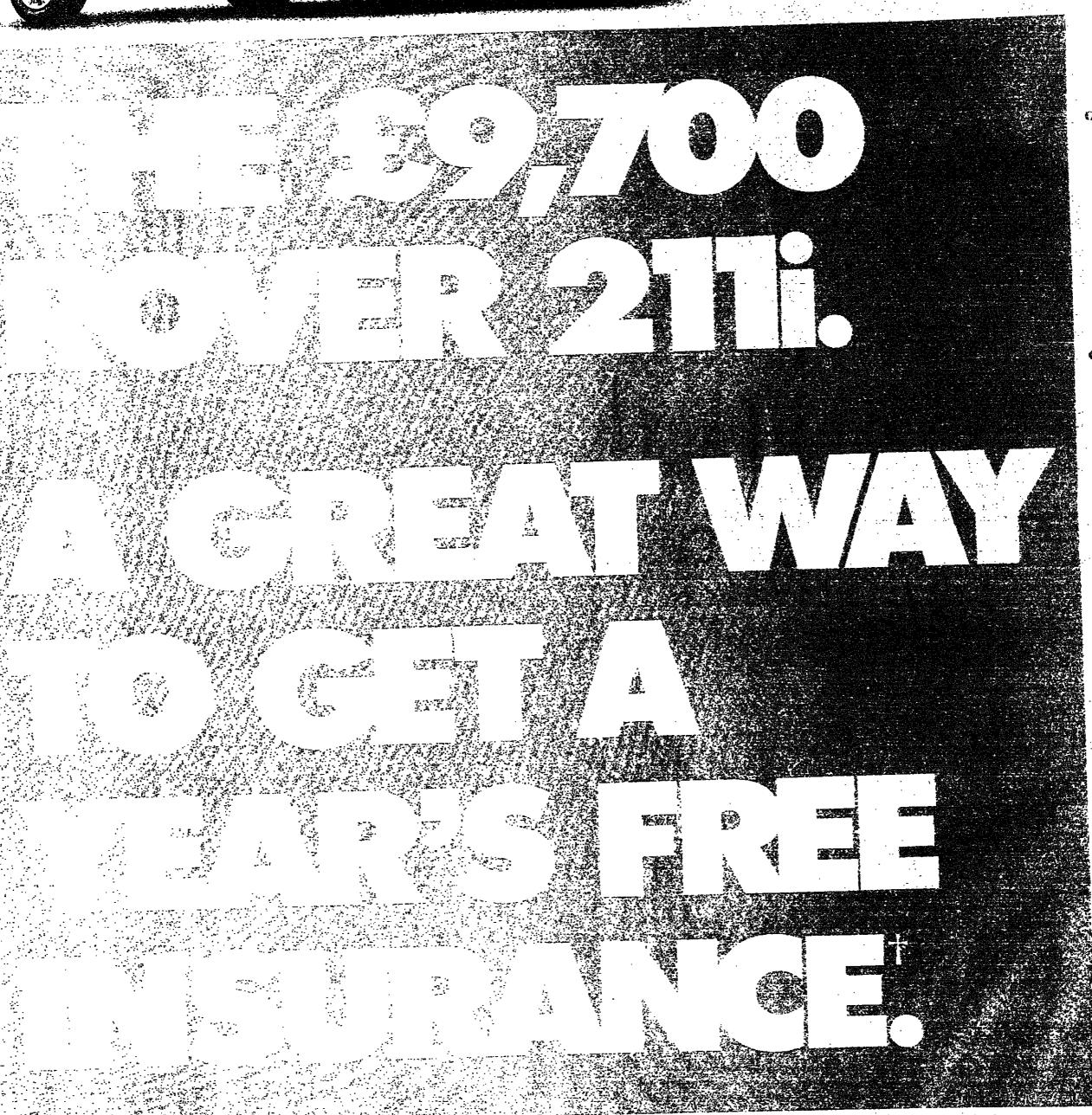
Chief Supt John Burke, of Hartlepool police, agreed with counsel for the Green family that David's comments should have been passed on.

The case is controversial because juveniles are not supposed to be held in police cells except as a temporary measure. and a spokesman for the Inquest group, speaking outside the hearing, said the case raised

very serious questions. The inquest continues today







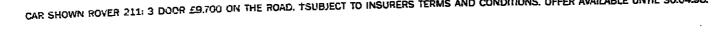
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# Dobson shrugs off nurses' .pay protest

FRANK DOBSON apologised yesterday to nurses for cutting their pay but refused to rule out the possibility that be might do it again.

The Health Secretary was heckled by nurses angry at the staging of their pay award, which has cost them at least £100 each, as he addressed the Royal College of Nursing's anqual congress in Bournemouth.

Adopting the confessional mode that is becoming his signature - Mr Dobson apologised for the rise in



Dobson: Said he might even cut NHS workers' pay again

NHS waiting-lists last month - he. said he was "genuinely sorry" that up the gauntlet. Questioned by reeconomic circumstances had forced him to delay payment of the full rise. Nurses will receive 2 per cent thismonth and a further 1.8 per cent next - make a guarantee about that." December, reducing the overall value of the 3.8 per cent pay award as the RCN, said the Government had recommended by the mirses review body to 2.7 per cent, a cut of more than £100 on an annual salary of has been very successful in gaining £10,000. Mr Dobson told reporters extra money for the NHS. I don't see later: "I accept my responsibility as the need for staging. It felt like a slap a member of Cabinet for staging the award. I also apologise for it. I am not frightened to apologise. I know how upset some people are and how

poor some people are.". He told the congress that ending the economic cycle of boom and bust. and getting the public finances on a sound footing had to take priority. The 2,000 delegates, who last year greeted him with a standing ovation, this year displayed disappointment and disaffection.

A balloon carrying the legend "Frank, nurses are worth more" presented to him by a nurse at the end of his speech triggered cheering and to return to the NHS.

applause. Earlier, Betty Kershaw, president of the college, accused Mr Dobson of adding to the nurse-recruitment crisis by failing to protect

Staging the pay award slashed its value below inflation and made nurses feel expendable.

You made it clear to us that things were going to be tough. But it can't happen again next year. If you stage the pay award again, then I won't blame the nurses who will leave the NHS in ever greater numbers for British Airways and Marks & Spencer. Forcing nurses to vote with their feet and leave the profession is a tragedy."

Mrs Kershaw described the situation of Linda Bishop, 49, a district nurse in Cardiff with two diplomas, a masters degree and 16 years' experience. As an adviser on continence care to her NHS trust she works with housebound, chronically ill patients and carns just over £16,000 a year. Her eldest daughter is an art teacher with less than three years' experience who is earning £18,500 a year and her youngest daughter is a newly-qualified police officer earning £17,000 a year.

"Nurses love their jobs. They don't want to go but there's only so much anyone can take," Mrs Kershaw said.

But Mr Dobson refused to pick porters later, he said: "I would hope in the long run to get away from staging pay increases, but I can't

Christine Hancock, secretary of saved £84m in the current year by staging the pay award. "Mr Dobson in the face. Nurses were hurt and I have seen some in tears. They are determined to have their pay award treated fairly and will be very angry if it is staged again." Recent figures showing the pay of NHS chief executives rising at twice the rate of other NHS staff have fanned the flames of nurses growing disillusionment with the Government. The only crumbs offered by Mr Dobson yesterday were an extra £5m for student bursaries - worth an extra £100 on the average grant of £5,000 a year - and an extra £4m to run courses for former nurses who want



# Blair gathering ideas for his philosophy of 'the third way'

Political Correspondent

AFTER making a start on the practicalities of government, new Labour is turning to deeper thoughts. Tony Blair has invited 30 academics and policy advisers to Downing Street next month to debate "The Third Way".

The term has been creeping into Mr Blair's speeches since he became Labour leader, but now he hopes to make it his own. The "stakeholding" tag which had been expected to define Labour seems to be falling from favour, and "The Third Way" between left and right is in the ascendancy.

The seminar will cause some disquiet among old Labour types, who wonder what was wrong with socialism as a core philosophy. The favoured few who have been invited, though, are revelling in the chance to inject their own ideas into

his friend President Bill Clinton at he wrote. a seminar during his recent trip to Washington, and policy advisers at mics to set up an Internet discussion social order and national loyalty.

of academics which debates philosophy and politics mainly through the web, the argument was followed closely by advisers to Mr Blair.

A summary paper has been prepared as a precursor to the seminar, which will take place on 7 May and will be attended by the Prime Minister and his policy advisers as well

as leading academics and the heads of think-tanks.

A spokesman for Mr Blair said the meeting would not so much decide what new Labour was about as allow the Prime Minister to explain his own "Third Way".

"He has explained before that it is taking the values of the left and making sure they are modernised for today's world. I think there's a feeling that there is support for that among academics," he said. David Halpern, director of Nexus

and a member of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Cam- a middle way, just different.

bridge University, said the Internet discussion had been extremely lively, though Mr Blair's policy advisers took a back seat.

"There's a surprisingly sparky debate." he said. "Some people clearare wary that this is divisive: those used to old-left thinking. That clearly raises some sensitivities."

Another participant in the debate will be Michael Jacobs, general secretary of the Fabian Society, who said that it was time to find a philosophy that reflected a changed world. The Third Way need not necessarily be

"I also think its a remarkable admission that the direction of the Government is still open to debate but a welcome one." he said.

The idea of a "Third Way" is not new to Mr Blair, though. As long ago as 1995 he suggested that Labour's health policy would offer Ta sensible third way for the future".

Certainly, the term should be flexible enough to cover all eventualities. Over the past 700 years it has been used to describe everything from Christian doctrine to fascism. It has even, on rare occasions, been used to describe socialism.

1990s: Amitai Etzioni, founder of

Communitarianism, describes his

philosophy as a "Third Way". West-

ern politics has become obsessed with rights and has forgotten

responsibilities, he says. People

responsibility by reviving the fami-

### Bishops' motoring bill 'nearly £600,000°

CHURCH of England Bishops spend almost £600,000 a year on cars and chauffeurs, MPs were told yesterday, writes Fran Abrams.

Stuart Bell, answering questions r Parliament on behalf of the Church Commissioners, said 31 out of the 44 diocesan bishops in England chose to have drivers. Seven more claimed mileage to drive their own cars. The cost of the chauffeurs was £317,000. In addition, it cost £279,000 to provide and maintain bishops' cars. The cars had engine sizes ranging from 1.6 litres to 2.3 litres.

Norman Baker, the Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes, said that while churches were being closed and parishes forced to cut back, the money could be better spent.

"Money spent on chauffeurs and large-engined cars isn't regarded very sympathetically by those in parishes who see their churches closing. There is a shortage of monmust reinvent a sense of mutual ey out there," he said.

Mr Bell, who is the Labour MP for Middlesborough, said bishops had demanding jobs and an increasing workload. "Use of a driver can give them

ome valuable extra time. Several drivers also work as gardeners or bandymen or are part time." he said.

A spokesman for the Church Commissioners said some dioceses vere extremely large and it was not a good use of a hishop's time to dri-

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### PM revives centuries of discussion

13th century: Saint Thomas Aquinas published his Third Way philosophy. "A thing that need not be, once was not, and if everything need not be, Mr Blair discussed the idea with once upon a time there was nothing,"

19th century: Early fascists called for Downing Street encouraged acade- a "Third Way" between combining

Organised by Nexus, a network 1930s: Oswald Mosley, founder of the British Union of Fascists, used the term to describe his position "in the centre of politics".

> 1950s: Non-aligned socialist leaders such as President Gamal Nasser in Egypt and Tito in Yugoslavia described their refusal to take sides in



the Cold War as a "Third Way."

1990s: Vaclay Klaus , the Czech prime minister, suggested the Third Way was a socialist way when he said: "The Third Way is the fastest route to the Third World," he said.

ly, schools, neighbourhoods and communities. 1995: Israeli Labour MPs founded a "Third Way" movement to oppose withdrawal from the Golan

1995: Tony Blair began to use the term to describe new Labour's philosophy.

### Tory defector MP set to join Labour

Chief Political Correspondent

PETER Temple-Morris, the 60year-old former Tory MP, said yesterday that he was thinking of "going for the full monty" by finally taking the Labour whip after sitting for several months as an Independent.

Taking the plunge to join Labour would increase Touy Blair's record Commons majority, but it would also reassure voters won over in the Labour peanism of the Tories. landslide that the government was honouring its pleages.

"I have to decide whether I want to be an Independent for the rest of this Parliament or whether I go for the full monty and become a member of the Parliamentary Labour Party," he said. "It is no secret that I before the next election.

am very partial to new Labour and to Tony Blair ... As each month goes by, they go up in my estimation," said Mr Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster since 1974.

Mr Temple-Morris had the Conservative whip withdrawn by William Hague, the Tory leader, after the general election for admitting to holding private talks with Labour about a possible defection in protest the alleged anti-Euro-

Alan Howarth, MP for Newport East, defected to Labour before the election and became an employment minister. But Mr Temple-Morris could be more use to Mr Blair in the Commons if Labour seeks to win over more Tory defectors

## Murdoch links query

with Rupert Murdoch came under fire from Tory MPs yesterday over the appointment of one of Tony Blair's Downing Street officials to Mr Murdoch's BSkyB satellite company, writes Colin Brown.

Mr Allan confirmed he had accepteti a £100,000-a-year post as the head of BSkyB corporate communications, sparking questions in the Commons over the alleged "revolving door" between the Government and the Murdoch empire and recent intervention by Tony Blair on Mr Murdoch's behalf with the Italian Prime Minister about a possible Murdoch takeover of ed to all media organisation.

THE Prime Minister's links an Italian broadcasting group. Francis Maude, Tory sookesman on culture, challenged Chris Smith, Secretary of State, over whether Mr Blair

knew his deputy press spokesman was negotiating to take on a job with BSkyB when Mr Blair intervened. "And was Mr Allan the conduit for Rupert Murdoch's request for help? Were Cabinet Office officials consulted about his subsequent appointment and did they know of any role Mr Allan played in the Prodi affair?"

Mr Smith dismissed the questions and insisted the Government had been even-hand-



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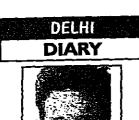
recently found myself sharing the lift of one of Delhi's grander hotels with Shahnaz Husain, the woman who invented the notion of ayurvedic beauty treatments and turned them into a business with a range of 400 products worth somewhere between £7m (her estimate) and almost £100m (other people's) per year. Silent as a mummy, shaggy as a lion. large as a wigwam, the lady who has been called "India's sacred goddess of beauty plummeted earthwards.

I felt embarrassed: some months ago I interviewed Mrs Husain for a profile but failed to get around to writing it. She had not forgotten; when I braved her somehow tragic silence, to re-introduce myself. she demanded to know when the article was going to appear.

Problem is, if I write it now it is going to be a different sort of piece. When you go to see Shahnaz in the Bower of Bliss that serves as a her office miniature plastic tangerine trees, chairs covered with fake tiger skin, china objets, photographs of herself - you receive a large glossy folder entitled What The World Press Has To Say About ... Shahnaz Husein.

"India's sacred goddess of heauty", "the jet age beauty tycoon", "guru of gorgeousness", "god's gift to the world" - these are the terms in which she is accustomed to being described. But something is go-

ing wrong. Many of her products are described as "ayurvedic medicine", thereby attracting a 10 per cent sales tax; but some local press reports have argued that they should actually be called



per cent. If tax officials agree Mrs Husain may be about to receive a very nasty bill.

The world is becoming a darker place for the woman whom Barhara Cartland once called "fabulous and fascinating". Let me attest that all the products of hers which my household has tried have been excellent value (though perhaps not strictly medicinal).

uring the recent elecition campaign I wrote a lot about Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born widow who is now president of the Congress party. But I hardly mentioned the other Gandhi widow in Indian politics, Sonia's sister-in-law, Maneka. Yet Maneka, an independent MP who has just been made minister of welfare in the new government, is almost equally controversial.

Had her husband, Sanjay Gandhi. not died in a plane crash in 1980, Maneka would probably have been the mistress of 7 Race Course Road. the prime minister's residence, for much of the past two decades. Instead, there was widowhood and a famous rupture from mother-in-law Indira. After that, Maneka



carved a name for herself as In- the suburbs; thanks to her, for the modest sum of 180 rupees dia's most vigorous animal rights campaigner. Her at-(£2.50), we are now the proud tempt to liberate dancing owners of a small but lively tabby cat called Tessa. Whether bears and monkeys and stop cruel experiments involving Maneka would approve of Tesanimals have brought her nosa's new role in life - she is skittoriety in a country where tering round the skirting in most people seem to find her pursuit of our resident mouse as I write - I am not so sure. Whatever Indians may

es, the mice are back. think of her. Maneka has my gratitude, earlier this month we drove to her pet sanctuary in

dious whirring of the ceiling fan. And the mosquitoes. And that special summery Delhi smell, a compound of dust, petrol, sweat and various types of excrement. For two months in spring we have enjoyed the sense that north India is a nice place. Now the mercury is rising, the smog is back and we grit our teeth. Gone are the canny foreigners - leaving the And the cockroaches ill-informed ones, and the

# Massacres drive Kashmir Hindus from 'paradise'

in Delhi

LESS than two weeks after travel agents and journalists were flown to Kashmir to be lectured on the revival of the region's tourism, a massacre in the hills has reminded the world of the intractability of its problems.

Last Thursday night 26 Hintwo remote hamlets in Jammu, south of Kashmir proper, were rounded up and decapitated. The murders were seen as another attempt by Islamic militants to terrorise the region's Hindu minority into fleeing.

Lal Advani, Minister for Home Affairs, flew to the site - the official figure. of the massacre yesterday, and afterwards told reporters: "I have seen tragedies before, but this was blood-curdling and heart-curdling. No bullets were used: the victims were merely

This is the third massacre of Hindu civilians to have taken place in the state in 13 months. In January, on the eve of India's Republic Day, 23 were shot dead in the Wundhama area; in March of last year, seven were killed by the same means in the Badgam district.

The tactics seem to be working: a new report indicates that du men, women and children in Hindus are moving out of the state in large numbers. According to a team from India's National Human Rights Commission, which visited the site of January's massacre, the number of Hindu families living in villages in the valley of Kashmir has shrunk to less than balf

Even though last week's killing took place in a remote area, it underlines the problems that confront the Kashmir state government in reviving the tourist industry, which is crucial to the local economy.

makers" read one hopeful headline in the Indian press following the Conference on Domestic Tourism, held in the capital. Srinagar, recently. But while Dal Lake and its valley are still resplendent, evidence of the conflict is everywhere. There are troops in all the hotels and delegates were restricted to a radius of two kilometres from the conference centre.

At the conference, Kashmir's Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah dangled an array of unlikely inducements before the delegates: multiplex cinemas, a casino, liquor stores. But gory murders remind the world that the only one of the foreign hostages taken in July 1995 whose body has so far been found, the Norwegian. Hans Christian Ostroe, was himself decapitated. The other four two of them British - are still missing, presumed dead.

### Mexico's Nobel poet dies

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Oc- ther was secretary to Emiliano tavio Paz. Merico's foremost literary figure and winner of a Nobel Prize for poetry and essays mapping the labyrinths of the mind, has died aged 84.

Paz was preoccupied by the contrast between Mexico's ancient Indian past and more recent Spanish heritage. He is best known for two early works: the book-length essay "The Labyrinth of Solitude" and the poem "Sun Stone". Paz won Spain's Miguel Cervantes Prize in 1982, the TS Eliot Award in Chicago in 1987, the Nobel Prize for literature in 1990. Paz was born in 1914. His fa-

Mexico's 1910-1920 revolution. When Zapata was murdered in 1919, the Paz family went into brief exile in Los Angeles. Later he went to law school in Mexico City. He married a young writer, Elena Garro, and continued to write poems.

Paz joined the Republican forces in the Spanish civil war. After the Second World War he worked in Mexico's diplomatic service, but in 1968, he resigned as ambassador to India when troops quashed student protests in Mexico City killing hundreds of people.



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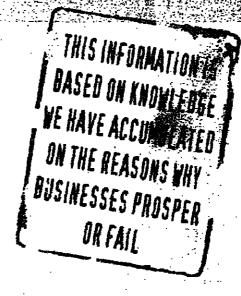














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tious diseases in the southern after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. outskirts of Baghdad. Now he Eight years later, measles, tyhad almost ceased to breathe.

"He has meningitis," said Dr Deraid Obousy, director of the hospital, gently pressing the side of Hussein's neck. "He is already unconscious. It is in the hands of God. We don't have any more a truck to pick up a new one from only from test books." the factory that refills them on the other side of Baghdad."

Sitting at their baby's bedside Nada and her husband Ali, a factory worker, explain that their family income is about 14,000. Iraqi dinars (£7) a month to support them and their parents.

Dr Obousy, 46, but looking older, is obviously depressed by the conditions around him. The reason he cannot send one of his hospital vehicles to pick up the oxygen bottle which might save Hussein Ali is that they have no wheels, or engines. They were long ago cannibalised to keep at least one going, and now stand rusting in the hospital forecourt, axies supported by rocks.

nal, which had found its way to Baghdad despite sanctions. He 120 out of 1,000." said that in Britain, where he

All this is confirmed by a ting enough to eat. tour of the wards. The smell of The survey also shows how patients are eating a meagre of the Gulf war in 1991. A sur-

oxygen bottle beside his bed was 'capital the Khanb and Ibn-cent of children were malempty and there was no chance. Zuhr TB hospital beside it deal with the infectious diseases A week before, his mother which had become a rarity in 22 million Imagis deteriorates, Nada brought Hussein, brown Iraq before the embargo was, they get more vulnerable to diseyes bright with fever, to the Ibn imposed by the United Na ease. In recent months Dr

and even polio are common. The resurgence of these diseases has caused malnutrition. Dr Obousy said: "We now often find children with thickenoxygen bottles in the hospital and rickets or calcium deficiency, we don't have any money to hire things we used to know about

> **圖** 'In 1989-90, 36.5 out of 1,000 Iragi babies died before they were one. Now it is 120 out of 1,000'

In Baghdad, Dr Nada al-Ward, a public health specialist at the World Health Organisation, confirms the medical consequences of semi-starva-When we entered his office - babies in Iraq who died before Dr Obousv was reading an old they were 12-months-old was copy of the British Medical Jour-... 36.5 out of 1,000. Currently the figure has more than tripled to

The reason why three times years, "a place like this would - plained by a survey conducted definitely be closed. They would by the United Nations Interthe hot season and we have no Fund (Unicef) of children in mosquito netting for the win-south and central Iraq last Ocdows, or air conditioners, or even tober. It showed 25 per cent of enough sheets for the beds." children under five were not get-

disinfectant does not quite mask poverty and malnourishment the stench of the lavatories. The have grown in Iraq since the end

when the embargo was already Ali Majhoul to die was that the ... Hidden away south of the in place for a year, showed 9 per nourished.

As the physical condition of al-Khatib hospital for infections Security Council in 1990. Obousy has been trying to cope with an epidemic of measles. He said: "It used to be quite rare. phoid, memingitis, diphtheria Now it is coming back as a child

. Dr al-Ward points out that malaria, which used to be endemic only around Mosul in northern Iraq is spreading south ing of the wrist, which means along the Euphrates, to Babil, Kerbala and Najaf provinces.

It is not only patients who are affected. A doctor at the al-Khatib said he did not earn much more than the £7 a month salary of Hussein Ali's father. He had to have a private clinic to keep going, "Even so," he added. "I have had to sell my TV set and a radio to survive."

The impoverishment of Iraq is the result of sanctions preventing Iraq selling its oil until 1996. Although exports were then allowed under the oil-forfood plan Iraqi families have been selling off their possessions year by year and now have nothing left to sell.

Even the import of artificial limbs - badly needed in Iraq because of the number of soldiers who stood on mines in the Irantion: "In 1989-90 the number of ... Iraq war - was disallowed until the Red Cross imported components and set up its own workshops to fit them to amputees. In the al-Khatib hospital

the semi-starved parents and their dying children are the worked in hospitals for four as many babies are dying was ex- obvious victims of the embargo. A diplomat in Baghdad said: "It affects the 21.5 million say it is rubbish. It is getting into national Children's Emergency ordinary Iraqis, but not the 500,000 members of the elite." On the day that eight-

month-old Hussem Ali died of meningitis the Iraqi government was watching a march-past of 140,000 volunteer soldiers as if to confirm how little its hold cancer after the Gulf war. on power has been weakened by eight years of sanctions.



Clare Short (left) with Emma Bonino, the EU Humanitarian Affairs Commissioner, at yesterdays' aid conference in London

## Short gives backing to charities' work

TWO charities belping to organise the Independent and Independent on Sunday's Iraq appeal are expected to gain extra public funding as part of the Government's commitment to alleviate the suffering of Iraqi people. Care International and Medical Aid for Iraqi Children have been doing welfare work in Iraq and also administer funds raised by this newspaper for the treatment of

The Independent appeal stands at £88,000. Negotiations

children there who developed

are under way for the funds to be used to send medicine to Iraq to help 2,000 children with cancer. The prospect of more cash came from government sources as London hosted a seminar on aid to Iraq. The meeting at Lancaster House is bringing together experts from

European Union states, the Iraqi people by wringing our time to rethink ... the ways and European Commission, donor hands at the extent of the prob- means of implementing sancand charities. The meeting was opened by

the International Development Secretary, Clare Short, who, her officials said, was moved by reports of the plight of Iraqis in the Independent. She has already announced a £7m package for food, medicine and mine clearance in regions controlled by Baghdad in addition to £3m being spent in the north of the country.

Ms Short urged delegates to

countries, the United Nations lem, nor pointing the finger of tions as a tool of foreign relablame, whether at the Iraqi government, at the sanctions regime, or at different constituencies within the international community or at the UN. People throughout the world are very concerned about

Emma Bonino, EU Humanitarian Affairs Commissioner, Please send cheques, made suggested it might be time to re- out to The Independent lraq consider the sanctions against Appeal, to PO Box 6870, put aside the apportioning of President Saddam Hussein's 1 Canada Square. London blame: "We will not help the government. "Maybe ... it's E14 5BT

Iraq. We are here today to ex-

plore whether we can help."

tions." The Labour MP George Galloway, who recently flew an Iraqi girl, Mariam Hamza, to London for leukaemia treatment, said the conference was a belated recognition of international concern. " Those of us the suffering of the people of who have been saying it for nearly eight years now have been routinely denounced as Saddamist stooges."

# Bonn plan to vet budgets of Emu states

By Katherine Butler m Brussels

EURO-ZONE governments would have to submit drafts of their tax and spending plans for the next three years to Brussels mark for membership of a curthis autumn under a German proposal to start treating national budgets as a matter of "common concern".

today, will not only fuel anxiety the plan represents the price exin some countries about the German obsession with budgetary rigour, but also with the erosion of sovereignty implied by Euro membership. It opens the Maastricht limit. prospect of governments being ordered by Brussels to shelve plans for domestic spending on schemes if the extra spending inoverall stability of the Euro.

This is Europe deciding what our budgets are. The room ed in the EMU first wave. for manoeuvre on setting interest rates and exchange rates we accepted would go, but from now it seems the scope to manage our own budgets is also going to be sharply reduced" commented one official from a candidate country.

EU governments have already accepted a "stability pact" a mechanism for policing and punishing reckless financial housekeeping inside the Eurozone after 1 January 1999. But under the German plan, it would be enforced seven months ahead of schedule, and its terms in effect, tightened.

It would not be enough simply to meet the Maastricht economie criteria - as eleven countries are expected to do ~. to avoid incurring penalties. Already in the current year, any windfall tax revenues generalc I by economic growth would have to be saved rather than used for job creation schemes

or income tax giveaways. The plan which has been tabled by the Bonn finance minister Theo Waigel is aimed at reassuring the German public, deeply sceptical about giving up the German rency club which includes debtridden Italy.

While expected to be deeply controversial in France, where The proposal, which will be tackling unemployment is the debated by EU finance minis- biggest political priority and ters at a meeting in Luxembourg among left wing parties in Italy, acted by Germany and The Netherlands for agreeing to admit Italy and Belgium where debt levels are over twice the

The EU monetary affairs commissioner, Yves Thibault de Silguy, who is backing the Bonn schools hospitals or job creation initiative, has drafted a declaration which will be put to EU volved posed a threat to the heads of government when they meet on 1 May to formally select the countries to be includ-

> It asks all 15 leaders, even those not in the first wave, to sign up to the broad commitment to sound public finances and rigorous budgetary discipline. Euro-zone leaders will be asked more specifically to agree to use any additional leeway which might arise in the course of 1998 from better than expected growth, to repay debi.

Brussels officials played down the notion that the committee of member state experts and central bankers which will vet public finances would go through national budgets line by line. "Clearly that would be politically unacceptable. What we will be seeking to establish is the overall balance, to what extent

іпсоше". But they admitted that if any "exceptional item" in a country's draft budget posed difficulties then it would be raised with the country concerned.

expenditure is covered by

### Clinton urges Congress to save anti-smoking Bill

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON made a last-ditch plea to Congress in an attempt to prevent his anti-smoking crusade being hijacked by the big tobsoco companies. Legislation that would increase the price of a packet of cigarettes by more than \$1 (62p) and curb advertising is marooned in Congress, where opponents and supporters of the tobacco industry are fighting in committee over its terms. Mr Clinton said Congress had "a historic opportunity to protect our children". Chances that any tobacco legislation would be passed by this Congress were reduced two weeks ago when five big tobacco companies suddenly withdrew from talks with Congress, saying the proposed deal was too expensive. - Mary Dejevsky, Washington

### Abacha given poll go-ahead



GENERAL SANI ABACHA, who seized power in Nigeria in 1993 on promises to restore civilian rule, vesterday won a crucial vote allowing him to stand unopposed in "democratic" presidential elections in August. The Grassroots Democratic Movement was the fifth and the last of Nigeria's officially sanctioned parties to adopt the general as presidential candidate. Nigeria's main opposition group, the United Action for Democracy, asked Nigerians to boycott elections.

### Hope for Somalis' captives

A SOMALI faction leader said eight Red Cross workers and two pilots held for six days would be released yesterday. Hussein Aidid told his spokesman to charter a plane to the Somali capital, Mogadishu, to pick up the captives, who were seized near Mogadishu airstrip on 15 April and include a naturalised American Somali, two Swiss, a Norwegian, a German, a Belgian, a French nurse and a Somali.

### Tibetan protesters ailing

SIX TIBETANS were deemed too fragile to speak to visitors yesterday, the 42nd day of a hunger strike launched to prod the UN into taking up their dispute with China. Meanwhile, 50 Tibetan Buddhist nuns submitted a memorandum to the UN office in the Indian capital urging the Secretary-General. Kofi Annan, to appoint a Tibet human-rights investigator, resume debate on Tibet in the General Assembly and oversee a referendum on independence.

### With this ring I thee divorce

DANISH Lutheran clergy are pondering a controversial plan to allow a divorce ceremony in church. "The death of love should also have its funeral," a minister, Erik Bock, said. He is among ministers in Denmark who want the church to establish a ritual in which splitting couples can ask for God's help to go each their way. However, Bishop Kield Holm, of Aminus, Denmark's second-largest city, has said such ccremonies would be

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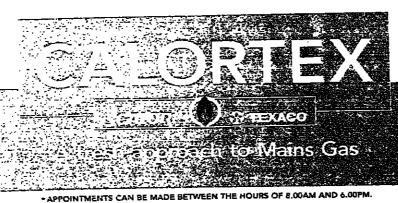
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# Gucci's ex-wife breaks silence over his death

SINCE her arrest 15 months ago. Patrizia Reggiani has steadfastly refused to respond to charges of ordering the murder of her exbusband Maurizio Gucci. This afternoon she will break her silence, but her version of events surrounding the brutal killing in 1995 of the last Gucci to head the luxury leather goods company of the same name may only add to the mystery.

The four other people accused of involvement in the killing - including a close friend of the former Mrs Gucci have provided investigators with substantially corresponding stories. Mrs Reggiani is unlikely to

"Mrs Reggiani is shocked by the short of \$200m. what she considers gratuitous, unfair accusations by the other people charged," said her lawyer Gaetano Pecorella yesterday. "She will be attempting

to set the record straight." The Gucci family is as famous for its vicious feuds as for Milan hotel to find two killers its handbags and shoes. Yet when Maurizio was gunned down outside his Milan office Mrs Reggiani's fear that she and on 27 March 1995, it was his her two daughters from her recomplicated - and questionable - business affairs which grabbed investigators' attention.

For over a year, they sifted through his papers, questioned his contacts, sought clues in Switzerland where Gucci kept the bulk of Mrs Reggiani had paid to have his estimated 200bu lire in assets. Gueci removed, they tried to up



Maurizio Gucci: Gunned

attention shift to the ex-wife of Gucci, who in 1993 had followed his estranged cousins' example, selling off his 50 per cent holding in the family company to the

According to the case which will be brought by the prosecution in Milan on 11 May, Guoher friend and spiritual adviser, medium Giuseppina Aulationship with Gucci would lose out financially from Mau-

companion, Paola Franchi. When the hitmen accepted their share of the L600m that

fessed to blackmail plans to a fellow criminal who happened to be a police informer. Arrests confessions too.

The last to give way was Ms Auriemma, who two months ago admitted she had gone along with the plan to extort more funds from Mrs Reggiani.

This defection, Mrs Reggiani's lawyers said, prompted their client to break her silence.

"Mrs Reggiani does not feel esponsible for her husband's death," said Mr Pecorella, "But she has no intention of trying to get herself off the book by blaming other people. Others may do that, but it is not her way."



Patrizia Gucci (now Reggiani) with her daughters Allegra and Alessandra, at the funeral of Maurizio Gucci in 1995

# Parents could be exiled for children's sins

BAVARIA'S right-wing government is planning to deport foreigners whose children are caught shop-lifting or committing other crimes.

Herrmann Regensburger, Bayaria's interior minister, yesterday confirmed press reports that as part of a new "security offensive", the sins of foreign children are to be revisited on their elders. The new measures will be presented to the cabinet in Munich next month, and Bavaria will petition the federal parliament for a change of the law.

must be taken seriously," Mr Regensburger recently proclaimed. Taking a leaf out of Tony Blair's copy book, Munich's hard man wants parents to foot part of their offspring's legal bill.

While civil rights activists expressed dismay about these proposals, no one had been prepared for the severity of sancagaiest so-called "toreigners", many of whom are third-generation immigrants.

Mr Regensburger claims foreign youths are clearly over-represented" in crime statistics. Figures released by the ministry purport to show that half the recorded youth offences in Munich in 1996 were and-order campaign: tough on committed by minors of foreign foreigners and Europe.

origin. Although Mr Regensing a repatriation programme, be insists on the right to deport repeated offenders on an individual basis".

The perception that German crime is committed by foreigners is a recurring theme of the right-wing press and populist politicians of every hue. Even Gerhard Schröder, the chancellor candidate of the opposition Social Democrats, has in the past advocated the deportanon of foreign-born offenders. Never before, though, has anyone suggested throwing out an entire family because of the The duty of parenthood crimes committed by a juvenile

> Politicians reacted with outrage yesterday to the "crazy idea" - in the words of the Social Democrat deputy chairman, Otto Schily. Even the Free Democrats, allied to the Bavarian conservatives in the Bonn coalition, thought their partners had gone too far.

But Bavaria is facing elections to its own parliament this September, and the governing Christian Socialists are in danger of losing an absolute majority because of the advance of parties even further to the right. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the ruling party will conduct a chauvinistic law

### Red Army Faction 'is to disband'

THE grey-haired urban guerrilas of the Red Army Faction who Remnants of the group, sucrampaged through Germany for nearly three decades quit the class struggle vesterday with a letter announcing their disbandment, writes Imre Karacs.

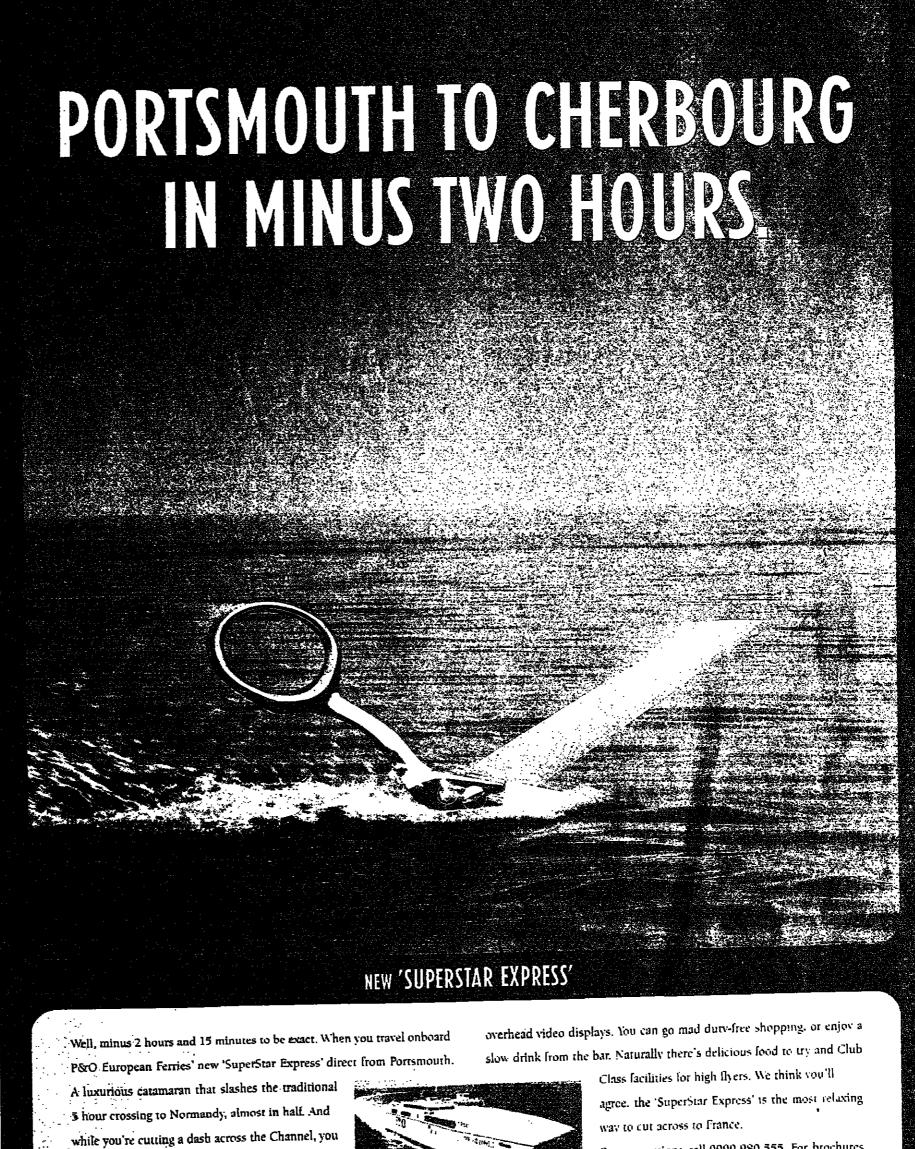
"The RAF emerged from a liberation action nearly 28 years ago on May 14, 1970. Today we are ending this project. The urben guerrilla group in the form of the RAF is now history," the group said in an eight-page statement sent to Reuters news

The letter hore the faction's trademark star and appeared genuine, but the German authorities said they needed more

time to verify its authenticity. cessors to the Baader-Meinhof gang, had been living in semiretirement for several years.

In their heyday, they and their Palestinian comrades-inarms killed more than 30 people, but time has chipped away some of the old certainties, and the anonymous combatants are now willing to admit that they

have made some mistakes. "It was a strategic error not to build up a social-political organisation in addition to the illegal, armed one," the statement declared. "The RAF had thrown everything into a scales and



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# Even icons need the breath of life rentine art between 1400-1600,

They're holy and they're beautiful, but Tom Lubbock found the Royal Academy's show lacking vitality

"SHE was an icon" was how many people expressed themselves last year on the death of you know who, as if the word really said everything. And while it become a laughable cliche within 24 hours, it surely did say something - though it's hard to say what precisely, or what precisely the connection might be with the sort of works, showing in The Art of Holy Russia; Icons from Moscow 1400-1600 at the RA. The OED is no help at all.

Anything can be an icon nowadays. Human beings, cartoon characters, cars, furniture, foods, all may qualify. Even works of art that definitely are not icons can be called icons in this new, elusive and elastic sense, for example the "Mona Lisa" or "The Scream". And perhaps this whole semantic flutter reflects some basic misunderstanding about what kind of thing an icon in the root sense of a devotional image painted on a bit of wood, actually is.

They can certainly be baffling. Go round the fifty pieces in the Sackler Galleries, and you'll likely see things that seem familiar, because they look a bit like early Italian art. There are motifs you could find in Giotto or Duccio, images that reflect the old. Byzantine common ground of all Christian art. But when you find yourself especially liking something then puzzles begin. The terms on which we tend to praise Western art - innovation, individuality - are terms icons tend to refuse.

Now the icon isn't a wholly static art. It develops a bit. But compared with the hectic

what happened in Moscow isn't much. Nor is it wholly anonymous. It is has its big names, like Theophanes the Greek. Andrei Rublev and Dionysii (though it doesn't have any small names). But with an art so governed by traditional templates, it can be hard to see how the individual

Try a good mug's question: what makes Andrei Rublev so good then?

Well, there aren't any Rublevs here (too precious to shift, I suppose), and I really only picked his name because of the Tarkovsky film - but there is a close copy of one his most famous images, "The

The first striking thing is how strange, in his case, the motif is: not a man with a beard holding a man on the cross with a dove hovering nearby, but three identical young men, with wings and halos, sitting round a table in conversation. It seems a far more beautiful imagining of the divine three-in-one than the usual Western version. But that isn't Rublev's do-

ing. The picture identifies the Trinity with the three angels who came to lunch with Abraham, and that's standard Eastern practice. What's especially beautiful, though, is how the body language of the central angel "negotiates" between the outer two: his torso, facing right, echos the left-hand figures, while his head, facing left, echos the right-hand figure's.

Thus, when you match up the combinations, he's alternately addressing and in accord with, both his companions - a stroke of genius, I think, a perfect pictorial solution to a ticklish point of doctrine.

But this wasn't Rublev's stroke either. It's an established trick. One has to credit the collective genius of icon culture, and Rublev himself only with fine-tuning the rhythm of these echoing outlines very significant though

In fact, it's probably best



The Life of St Nicholas (1570s), in ink, tempera and

Or the effect can be very credits, or what's norm and what's idiosyncrasy - just so human. The embrace of a long as one doesn't fall into the Madonna and Child is emopposite tendency of seeing bodied in the way their flat. icons as remotely beautiful cut-out shapes are arranged in and spiritual and blank. The a series of tuck-unders and repetoire may appear limited, overlaps, and in one such but it's articulate and versatile. there's touching device. The artists may lack (or resist?) Normally baby's cheek nes-

in which there's a perfect cir-

cle full of ranks of angels, and

whatever - yet the angels are

impaling the devils with long

red spears. The spears simply

go from A to B like arrows in

a diagram. In Western art

Heaven and Hell have to get

into a (foregone) physical

fight. In the icon Heaven wins

without any contact. Much

Western deep space and solid tles against the mother's by the modelling, but they can do one curve overlapping the othamazing things with flatness. er slightly; here the two edges are pressed together with no It can be very conceptual, Look at a Harrowing of Hell, overlap, joined in a long tangent. And then, where the baby's hand clutches the virbeneath it a pit full of devils, gin's chin, the image suddenand between these two areas ly breaks into 3D - it's a real, there's no spacial relationship solid grip.

The icon painters, I would guess, knew quite a lot about the sort of pictorial effects that, at first sight, they seem not to know about.

For instance, you get Virgin and Baby pictures that are derived from a prototype at the Royal Academy until 14 supposed to have been paint- June; admission: £5-50 + var-

legend is peculiarly implausible (if you think about the relative ages of Jesus and Luke). It explains some of the conservatism of the icon: if you have an authentic picture of Mary and Jesus, the priority is to transmit it as accurately as possible.

But the interesting point about the legend is that it shows the iconists had the notion of "painting from life". Actually, they sometimes practised it too.

If there's a fault to this show, it's that it too much encourages the "blank" view of icons. They look lovely and holy, of course, displayed in a dim. pseudo-religious light, but it obscures they various ways in which they do indeed come "from life". There's the liturgical life of the church. where they would kissed, censed and adored. There's the intellectual life of theology. There's the practical life of the studios where they were painted by artists who would know other sorts of art, and presumably worked in daylight. But here one feels too much – as was traditionally claimed of some icons - that they were 'not painted by human hand".

And it's this blank view that's behind the present wide usage of "icon", as when it's applied Di or Mickey Monse or a VW Beetle or a Coke Bottle. Pop art, of course, is a crucial part of this story, and the sort of sociology that goes with pop art, that sees the contemporary world as subject to the irresistible and universal power of mediatic images, things one can only gawp at.

And icons, if seen as images that are impersonal, repetitive, psychologically flat, simply given do provide the appropriate metaphor - a metaphor that's now become everyday

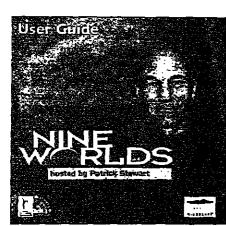
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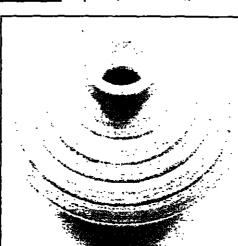
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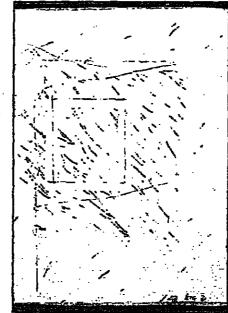
# Dramatic ceramics reveal potted histories



All shapes and size of pots can brighten your spirits. John Windsor selects the best of the latest crop

RALPH LEVY sees his bigshouldered amphoras as vessels disguised as people. Put several in a row, he says, and they begin to look like the thousands of little terracotta bods created by Antony Gormley. Some of Levy's have sprouted nipples, others wings. The blue? It's pure Yves Klein. He dotes on the colour. "Get it right, and it's mesmerising". he says. A 3fthigh Levy amphora costs £250 at The Potters Field, a show of 15 Sussex potters at the Phoenix Gallery, 12-14 Waterloo Place, Brighton, until 25 April. Prices £40-£800. Inquiries (01273-674511).



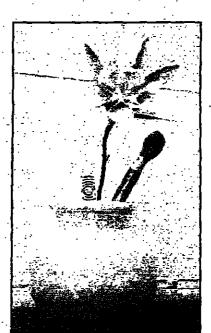


reaches of abstraction veteran ceramicist and former painter Gordon Baldwin's "Drawing in August", a 34-inch high framed drawing on. paper in white chalk, acrylic and charcoal, with graphite decoration. It is estimated at £300-£400 among the 330 lots from the Liliana Eostein studio pottery collection, at Christie's South Kensington on Monday 27 April at 2pm. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (0171-321 3120).

INTO the farthest



NOTHING countrified about the Indian-born Turner prizewinner Anish Kapoor's 9ft long wood and gesso construction. It's called "Pot for Her" - at least it's intended for a human. Estimate £25,000-£35,000 in Christie's sale of contemporary art, tomorrow (2pm) at 8 King Street, London SW1 (0171-839 9060).



LOOMING ten feet tall, "Art Prize is in the South London Gallery's show, Lovecraft, which features artworks that are the product of devotion. Georgie Hatton, 30, and Simon Perriton, 34, both Central St Martins graduates, spent more than three weeks pasting papier mache over Art Prize's wood and chicken wire frame, shaped to resemble one of Winsor and Newton's little brush pots. The show is until 10 May at the South London Gallery, 65 Peckham Road. London SE5 8UH (0171-703 6120).

Justine Smith's Beano dogs. featured last week, are showing at Paul Smith, 40-44 Floral Si eet, Covent Garden central London: last days



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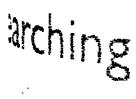
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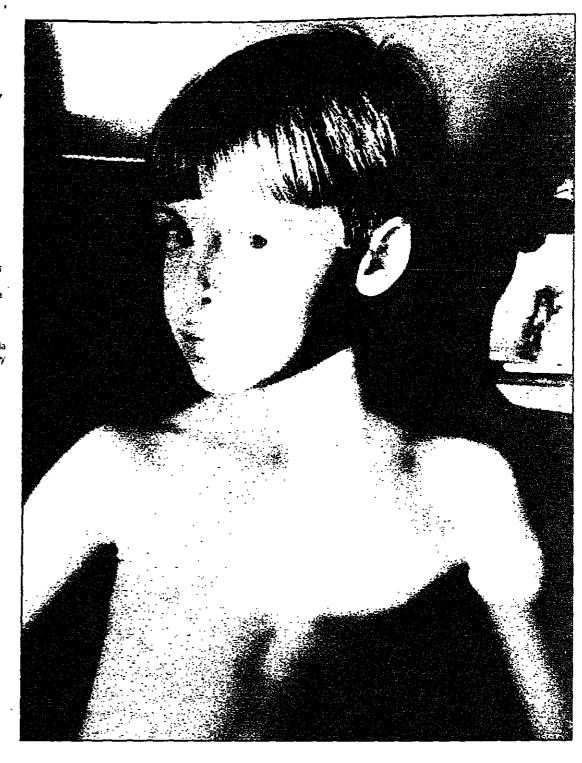


Left: Paul McCartney bathes his daughter Mary in 1969

Right: Portrait of lames McCartney, Paul and Linda's youngest child

Below: A study of a mannequin from a series of photographs portraying Linda's in conflict with the

All phótographs, Linda



# Linda's legacy -through a lens sweetly

No mere rock chick, her unconventional approach paved the way for today's celebrity photographers, says Reuel Gordon

THERE is that old cliche about the Sixties: "If you remember it, you weren't there".

Linda McCartney's legacy to photography is not only that she was there but also remembered to bring her trusted Pentax at all times. While many of her famous subjects rock icons such as Jimi Hendrix. Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, and Brian Jones - the worse for wear on assorted cocktails on drink and drugs, were often struggling with the powers of recall from the previous hour's excesses, Mc-Cartney, (nee Eastman) was in the corner,

By the early Seventies these four had all died prematurely and McCartney's pictures of them took on a legacy of their own, acquiring the status of an historical document of a hygone era. Not bad for a woman who was dismissed as a rock chick, but who nevertheless blazed a trail for the likes of Annie Leibovitz and Jill Furmanovsky.

McCartney's talent is often described as no more than being in the right place at the right time: so were a lot of people, but it was Mc-Cartney who got the shots. Her interest in photography grew after reading an history and not. as commonly misconceived because of her family ties to Eastman Kodak - there is no con-

At college she was not taught technique but told that the key to making great pictures was finding the right inspiration at the right moment. A variation on Henri Cartier Bresson's sense. "Decisive Moment", but more in tune with the



1960s ethos of producing work almost by default and of the artist being a free spirit.

Her images, therefore, often lack the formality of composition, with the subjects at times being caught off-centre, or hovering at the edge of the frame. But seen in the context of 1960s emphasis on spontaneity they make perfect

This random, almost haphazard approach

to photography, where she rarely used a light meter and had little affinity with the mechanics of the medium and scant knowledge of films. shutter speeds and so on, meant that her pictures lacked a consistency that separates the good photographers from the truly great

She had a good eye, but photography is as much a craft as an art form, and it was the more mundane aspects of taking pictures with which she never quite came to terms.

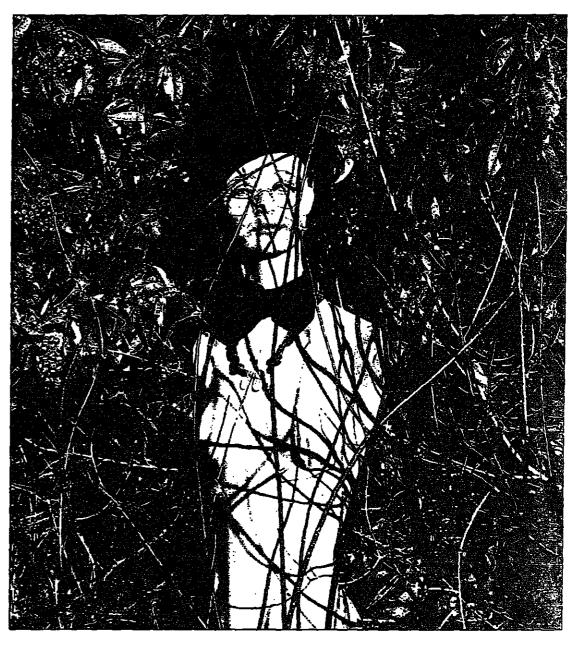
Yet, although she lacked technical proficiency, all good portrait photographers need to bring something out of the sitter in an in stant and this is a skill she undoubtedly possessed. In the introduction to her1992 book Sixties: Portrait of an era, David Bailey implored her: "to stop taking so many pictures of Paul and her family." He has a point. They are amazingly sweet to the point of nausea. but they were a couple very much in love with each other and these images are a testament to the bond between them.

The best portraits are the ones where there was a tension between Linda and her sitters. most memorably in pictures of John and Yoko. In one picture taken of Lennon at Abbey Road Studios, she brilliantly captures his unremitting arrogance and insecurity.

McCartney never got the respect she craved from her peers. Perhaps it was jealousy: here, after all, was a striking and intelligent woman who was also married to one of the most famous men in the world and what's more she fancied herself a photographer.

in retrospect, these aspirations were not misguided - look to her picture of Brian Jones, elegantly wasted but still with his looks intact, and you can see the makings of a unique photograph. Not one of the greats, perhaps, but certainly one capable of producing striking and memorable images.

> Reuel Gordon is the editor of the British Journal of Photography



# Searching for a cure for the silent killer of women

Linda McCartney'ssudden death has highlighted the toll cancer takes — and controversial treatments, writes Jeremy Laurance

THE best way to remember Linda McCartney. Sir Paul, her husband, said on Sunday, would be to "go veggie."

McCartney was a life-long campaigner for vegetarianism and animal rights. Sadly, her healthy lifestyle was not enough to protect her from the breast cancer that kills almost 14,000 women a year in Britain - the equivalent of 270 a week. She was 50, well below the ages of 70-84 at which deaths from the

there is no evidence that veretarianism offers protection against cancer of the breast. At one time, a high level of fat was thought to an important cause - breast cancer is commoner in countries with a Western-style high fat diet - but two major studies published in the last couple of years have now cast doubt on this link.

The only component of the diet known to effect the risk of breast cancer is alcohol. A recent study showed an increased incidents of 20-30 per cent in women who have a couple of drinks a day. However, the protective effect of the alcohol on the heart when drinking is moderate, is thought to outweigh the increased risk from

The first line of defence against breast cancer is regular self-examination and screening for lumps, bumps and other changes. It was a routine screening at the Princess Grace Hospital in London that picked

be a factor in many cancers, breast in December 1995. The lump was removed, but the exact cause of her treatment after that is unclear. It apnears the cancer was already advanced and had spread beyond the breast, for after undergoing an initial course of chemotherapy in Britain she later travelled to the US for controversial high dose treatment which is still unproven.

Known as hydrose chemotherapy, this involves giving the patient highly toxic chemotherapy, at the limit of the body's tolerance, in a lastditch attempt to clear the cancer from the body. The toxic drugs destroy the bone marrow, where the red blood cells are made, necessitating a bone marrow transplant.

- McCartney had a stem-cell transplant, a less traumatic alternative, which involves withdrawing the stem or "seed" cells from her bone marrow before the start of the chemotherapy, growing replacement marrow from them in the laboratory and Although diet is thought to up the tumour in McCartney's putting the newly-grown mar-

row back after treatment is cure for advanced breast can- also depends on the body's complete. There was specula- cer - only research can do tion yesterday that her treat- that." ment may have been delayed because of her well-known opposition to animal experiments. All drugs used in chemotherany are tested on animals, presenting her with a painful

The suddenness of her death took everyone by surprise. Last July she was planning an expansion of her frozen food business and a few months later she watched her daughter.

'Money cannot buy a cure for 🖫 advanced breast cancer – only 🗟 research can do that"

dilemma when she was told she Stella, the fashion designer. needed them herself. Cancer experts said yesterday it was sad that she had gone to the US for treatment because it implied British women were not getting the best care here.

Although high-dose chemo therapy followed by stem-cell transplant is increasingly used in the US, for those who can afford it, there is no evidence that it improves survival. One expert said: "Money cannot buy a how quickly the end comes. It tectomy was common, involv-

unveil her latest collection in Paris. Then tests last month showed the cancer had spread to her liver. Death comes when the growth of the cancer halts the

function of certain critical organs to which it can spread - liver, lung, bone or brain. Dr Jo Reynolds of the Cancer Research Campaign said: "It depends on the organ involved

general ability to cope with the cancer. In that condition minor ilinesses such as a cold or flu could precipitate things."

Although McCartney looked well in her last weeks. steroid drugs may have disguised the weight loss associated with advanced cancer and made her look fuller in the face. Her husband, who was at her bedside in California where she died, said the end had been mercifully quick.

If caught early, breast cancer can be cured with surgery to remove the lump together with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy to eliminate any cancer cells left behind. Cancer cells may be distributed around the body in the blood or the lymphatic system and the lymph nodes under the arm are therefore checked for signs of spread. The size of the lump and the extent of the spread determines the extent of the

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and underlying tissue up under the arm. No survival advantage was shown for most patients and with advances in chemotherapy and radiotherapy this mutitating operation has now been largely been abandoned, However, a recent survey in south east England showed the use of ordinary mastectomy (removal of the breast only) varied widely among surgeons with some treating 80 per cent of patients in this way and some none at

When the cancer is found to have spread to other organs, patients and their doctors have a choice.

Either they can settle for pallative treatment aimed at making the patient as comfortable as possible so they enjoy the time left to them or they can go for the more aggressive option - high dose chemotherapy - which is more risky but carries a chance of getting ridof the cancer. Until the mid 1980's Britain had the highest

unexplained, but poor standards of treatment are thought to have been one factor.Since then deaths have tallen 12 per cent, but the incidents continues to rise.

An important reason for the fall in deaths is the growing use of the hormonal drug tamoxifen which has been shown to prevent recurrence of the disease in post-menopausal

Latest evidence suggests it may also help prevent first cancers occurring in women at high risk a major US study was stopped earlier this month after the drug, given to women. with a family history of the discase, was shown to cut the incidents of breast cancer by 44

per cent. Dr Revnolds said: "We don't know why the incidents in the UK is so high. We are obviously beginning to do the right things in catching cancer carly and treating it better. But there is still a lot we don't understand."

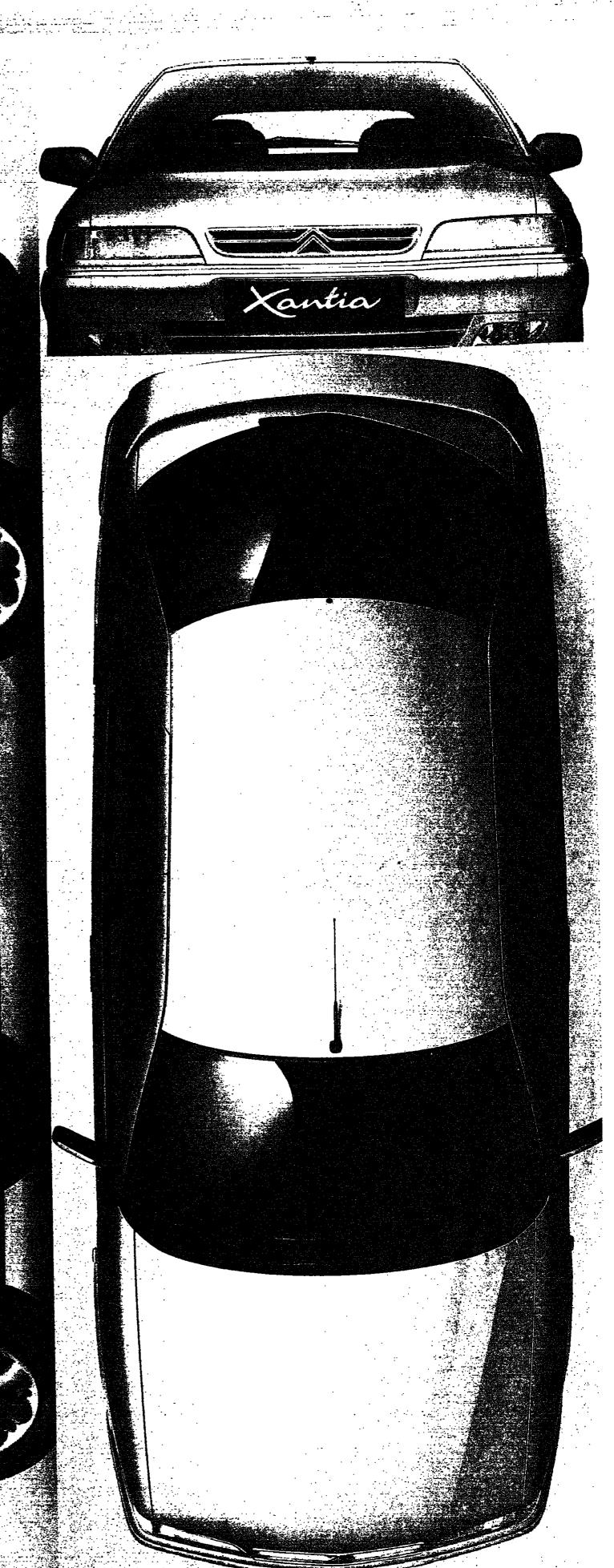


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# Accused - the bully's tale

Parents of children accused of bullying have few places to turn for help, but that could change. reports Celia Dodd

ALL parents worry about their children being bullied. With one in four children involved, bullying is rightly seen as a securge of Britain's schools. It is a measure of national concern that today David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education, opens a conference on bullying and its prevention, organised by the children's charity Kidscape.

So far public interest in the subject has focused almost exclusively on the victims of this oppressive behaviour. Parents are bombarded with information about how to tell whether their child is a victim: the most tragic cases of death or suicide are held up as dire warnings. Meanwhile bullies are invariably depicted as two-dimensional baddies.

So what if a parent discovers not that their child is a victim but, horror of horrors, a bully? They can expect little help - certainly none from the usual conduits of advice, the popular press - and no sympathy. Suddenly labels like 'bully' and 'victim' seem oversimplistic and decidedly unhelpful.

That is what Alison Davies discovered when her ten-yearold son Joseph was accused of bullying another boy at his independent junior school last year. Most parents in Alison's situation flatly refuse to believe such accusations. After all, accepting that it might be true means facing the notion that there must be something badly wrong with their child, their family and their parenting. And if you do believe the accusation. it means you might not give your child parental support when he or she needs it more than ever before.

But at the time Alison felt she had to take on board accusations expressed with conviction by a distressed parent and backed up by a teacher. She says: "I felt physically sick at the idea that my son, who alrather musty side - and that it was probably my fault. I found it very difficult to talk about because it seemed such a shameful thing to admit to. The word 'bullying' is a blanket term for a multitude of sins, from actual bodily harm to name-calling - even, according to Gaby Shenton, assistant director of Kidscape, the kind of unpleasantness which is common when friendships break up.

But, particularly at the milder end of the spectrum, it's not always easy for adults to get to the bottom of what is really going on. The dynamics he-

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tween children can be just as and teachers, she began to secomplex as adult relationships and open to a variety of interpretations. There is no room for

knee-jerk assumptions of guilt. Margaret McGowan of the Advisory Centre for Education says: "When schools corn-

riously doubt the truth of the accusations: 'I came to the conclusion that the situation was more complex than it appeared and that Joseph was reother boy, who was new at the

Most of the parents who complain that their child has been bullied are ready to draw blood - they're in a

pening inside school.

terrible state, they want revenge'

"Every case is different and it all depends which side you're hearing what seems to be the problem. It's usually quite comolicated."

The Kidscape literature lists endless reasons for bullies' behaviour. Is the child under too much pressure? Has there been a traumatic event such as a divorce or a new baby? Does he feel insecure? Has he been hullied or abused himself? Or is he just spoilt rotten? Alison trawled through them all but could find no clues, and after talking to other parents, pupils

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plain about a child's behaviour school and very anxious to it can be very difficult for par- make friends. In the long-term ways seemed to easy-going and ents to know what to do about it was Joseph who suffered - he it, particularly when it's hap- became withdrawn and depressed and hated school for month afterwards."

> Agencies working in the field, which receive many calls from parents of alleged bullies. admit that children can be wrongly accused of bullying. Gaby Shenton, says "Sometimes it can be that the wrong child is accused, particularly because bullying happens in secret. That's why it's so important that schools are really noting what's happening not just in class, but in the playground, in the cloakroom and on the way to school." Many schools now have specific pro-

cedures to deal with bullying. These range from tradition-

al punishments to anger-management groups and the increasingly popular "No Blame approach, which brings acting to provocation from the together all the children involved to work out a solution. "No Blame" is widely recommended here after it was shown to reduce bullying by over half in Sweden, where all schools are obliged to use it.

> If all else fails temporary or permanent exclusion is the ultimate sanction, but before this of the case to the school govclusion, to an independent own view of a complex situation, appeal committee.

Agencies such as the Children's Society, concerned at the escalating number of exclusions, point out that bullying is playing a significant role in these increasing incidents. For cluded for bullying; others do so helpline 0171 730 3300.

because they have truanted behaviour which was itself an attempt to escape from bullies.

The problem for schools is that they are often under immease pressure to punish bullies. Peter Sharp, principal educational psychologist for Southampton, says: "Unfortunately most of the parents who ring up complaining that their child has been bullied are ready to draw blood - they're in a terrible state, they want revenge."

This can make a detached assessment of the situation diffican be implemented parents—cult, although the best schools have the right to put their side somehow manage it. If teachers aren't seen to act, angry parents ernors, and, with permanent ex- who are blind to all but their may take the law into their own

KIDSCAPE - 152 Buckingham Palace Road, London SWIW 9TR, publishes leaflets on hullving which include advice for while some children get ex- parents of bullies and runs a

### A year-long saga of accusations that left a girl traumatised

Emma Dally's daughter Rebecca, II, was accused of bullying a younger girl during her final year at a state junior school in north Lon-

"I got a phone call one evening from a woman saying that Rebecca and another girl had been picking on her daughter. and that she wasn't going to put up with it.

'She said Rebecca had told her daughter she would get her and heat her up and claimed there were witnesses. I said that it didn't sound like Rebecca, but that in my experience the school dealt with bullying very well. She then rang the head, saying that she wanted Rebecca expelled. The head wasn't guilty, and said she would mouitor things. We lelt that was fair enough - after all, she has to tread a very careful path.

"Suddenly I really didn't know whether it was true or not. "I was pretty sure it wasn't. but you can't jump to conclusions. But when I quizzed Re-

becca she was very straight. She said it was a tiff between friends which they had sorted out themselves until the mother got involved. I felt Rebecca was upset because the

head didn't believe her and that the school wasn t on her side. So then it became really important for me to show that I did believe her.

"The other mother kept ringing the school and on each occasion Rebecca and the other girls involved were called in so the head could check what was going on.

"When the bead eventually told the other mother it was all sorted out she wrote to the local education authority to complain that the head wasn't doing enough. Finally the school invited her to put her case to the. board of governors.

"She said she was going to bring a child psychologist who would testify that her daughter had been damaged by Rebecsure whether Rebecca was ca's behaviour. But in the end she backed down.

"It was a horrible feeling going to the school knowing thatother parents thought my child was a bully.

"But I minded much more for Rebecca. She was so scared of going to school that she used to pretend to be ill. She wouldn't go out in the street on her own, and every time a carwent past she thought it was this woman coming to get her, it ruined a huge part of her last year of junior school. \_



Ordeal: Emma Dally was forced to question her daughter Rebecca (below, left) after she was accused of bullying Photograph: Rui Xavie

### 'It's a trip for the gifted and you're not one of them'

REVELATIONS

The time: Autumn 1973 The place: Palo Alto ~ California USA The Man: David Leavitt author of The Lost language

I WAS a very ambitious, probably somewhat arrogant, twelve-year-old with incipient literary aspirations. But one day, riding to school on the bus, I overheard some of my friends talking about a field trip to ride on a glass-bottomed boat in Sun Francisco bay: all my friends seemed to be going but I knew nothing about it. I was full of trepidation because I had a strong suspicion I was being excluded. Later that day I went to my science teacher to enquire about the trip. Knocking on his door, my heart was in my mouth. I can still remember him as if it was yesterday, although I've forgotten his name, a softly spoken man in his lifties, quite nice with slicked back hair and a moustache but a little chubby. Much to his regret, my seience teacher explained: "It's a field trip for MGMs, David. and you're not one." It stood for mentally gifted minors and there was a programme in the state of California whereby every school would be given a certain amount of extra money for each student who was designated mentally gifted - anyone scoring above 98 per cent in a standardised test. Up till that moment I had no idea what a test was. I was

a kid - I never took them se-

Growing up in the shadow

riously.

of Stanford University, and what would soon become silicon valley, it was a very intellectually sophisticated area. Everybody was desperately competitive and achievementorientated. I didn't go to school to learn but to succeed: in retrospect that seems dreadful. It was a time and a place when a lot of faith was put on standard measures. We were always being given them to determine our career aptitudes. At the end I would be told I could either be a lawyer or a hairdresser! What's even more crucial before entering an American university you have to sit a SAT, a standard aptitude test. My school was particularly keen on the concept: it was even named the Lewis H Terman Junior High School after one of the inventors of the IQ test. The faith that was

put in those tests! Simply, I had not done well enough and was therefore not allowed to go on the trip. It was a brutalising moment for me. I was horrified, the first time I was on the receiving end of a terrible injustice. It was bigotry of a very certain nature - not based on race but aptitude measured in this very arbitrary way. Walking away from the science teacher's office I was angry, furious and deeply panicked because this could set a trend that would determine the rest of my life. knew I would have to fight

for everything I wanted. Why didn't I do well in the

I saw those tests as a measure of my worth as a human being

test? I'm convinced that 1 tended to worry about things, making the questions much more complex than they actually were. I remembered this one question from a test I actually sat: students had to select the opposite of "incarcerate" from a list of possibilities. The correct answer was "liberate" but I opted for "exile". It seemed perfectly sensible - incarcerate is to imprison somebody within and to exile is to imprison them without. I was furious when I discovered my error. I felt like a pariah and remember clearly the day everybody else

went off on the boat trip, it was

horrible. Half the class were missing and I felt so miserable. What was worse I knew I would have all the accounts of my lovely little friends to look forward to about what joyous times they had.

It was beginning of a whole

complex of being judged which dovetailed with my anxieties about homosexuality - of which I had barely began to become conscious. Now I realise I was envisioning the day when I was going to have to tell my parents. They would hate me so I needed to counter balance this one terrible piece of news with lots of good things: "I might be gay but, hey, I'm a mentally gifted minor with straight As."

I saw those tests not merely as measures of my abilities, but of my worth as a human

If there is such a thing as obsessive compulsive disorder I centainly bad it. It had become an emblem for me: if I could pass the SAT I would be OK. My parents were very low key but I think even they thought I was a little over the top, but as we were such a neurotic family I fitted in very well!

Eventually I did fine, not well, on the SAT and got into Yale. But I avoided any classes where there were exams, preferring assessment by es-

Exclusion remained a trauma whether it was social exclusion, not being invited to a party, or a professional exclusion, not getting a grant. I needed to be in a relationship because I hated being single

because dating is such a nightmare of being judged. As you can imagine, reading reviews of my books is very hard. I still continue to be very much at the mercy of any figure of authority although I'm 36 years old - a man!

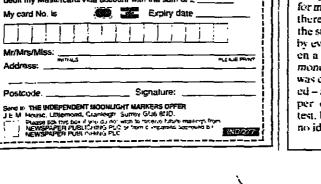
If I've got over it, it's because I've become convinced that private life matters more than public life. I've been with my partner Mark Mitchell for six years now and we've moved to a remote house just outside Rome, Italy. However. I'm very conscious that it is different to fence yourself inrather than being fenced out. Missing out on that boat

trip was the defining experience of my adolescence, a watershed. Perhaps that is why it is going to form a pivotal point in my next book.

However, it bolstered a certain degree of independence in me. The only good side of a exclusion, for a writer, is that it helps to develop a sense of pride in being an observer. You can not observe unless you are an outsider. But often what is good for you as a writer is not pleasant, or good for you as a human being. Writers are notoriously not

decent people - real jerks. Sometimes I wonder how my life would have been different if I had done well on those standardised tests and not been pre-occupied with the fear of my own failure.

Interview by Andrew G Marshall The Page Turner by David Leavitt is published by Little Brown at £15.99





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# The Right Rev Trevor Huddleston

AMONG the handful of clergy who become a legend in their in Tanganyika (now Tanzania), lifetime, Trevor Huddleston that Huddleston attended the must be numbered. His oppo- Lambeth Conference in 1968, sition to apartheid in South where his voice on matters of Africa stemmed from his first race was accepted ex cuthedra. appointment in that country in He was never an establishment 1943, and served as the mainstay of his ministry for the rest of his life. It would be no exaggeration to say that his de-Bishop of London, to become testation of apartheid, and Suffragan Bishop of Stepney allied to it his all-embracing love for coloured people, developed But Huddleston retained the into a crusade fuelled by pas- pastoral care of clergy in some gion. For many years he feared of the most deprived areas of e would not live to see the East End for a decade, and apartheid dismantled, and when it was his sense of satisfaction Ramsey's time at Canterbury. was overwhelming.

Ernest Urban Trevor Hudonly son of Sir Ernest Huddleston, sometime acting Director of the Royal Indian Marine, and received his basic training in the high Anglican tradition at one was ordained deacon at the age of 23, and priest a year later.

the monastic life he was pro- considered taking the risk. fessed in 1941 as a member of the Community of the Resurrection, and within two years he off to pastures new, holding for had been posted by the community as priest in charge of of Mauritius in conjunction Sophiatown and Orlando in with the seemingly improbable the Anglican diocese of Jo-role of Archbishop of the Indihannesburg. Thus began his an Ocean Whether he actuallong love affair with South Africa and South Africans.

From 1949 to 1955 he served as Provincial for the Community of the Resurrection in South Africa, and was then recalled to act for two years as Guardian of Novices at the community's mother house in Yorkshire. He Fund for Southern Africa. He utilised this wrench by writing always believed the Church of Naught For Your Comfon (1956), England should institute the ofthe book that awakened the yes of the world to the evils of and contrary to normal practice apartheid and overnight trans- continued to style himself formed a monk from Mirfield -Archbishop Huddleston. into a household name.

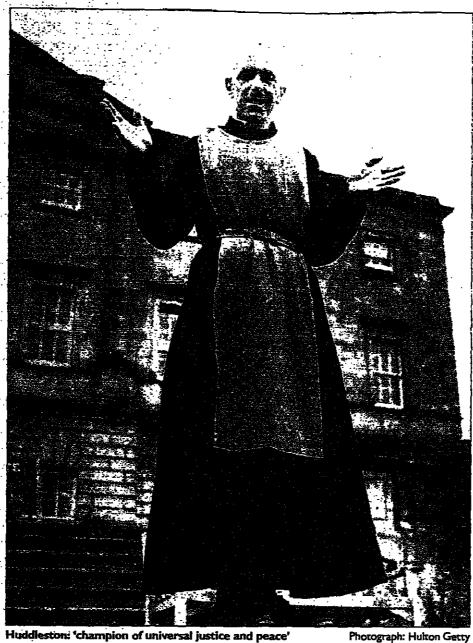
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It was as Bishop of Masasi, figure, and his invitation that year from a pillar of the establishment, Gerald Ellison, then came as something of a surprise. towards the end of Michael and following the premature death of Ian Ramsey, Bishop of dieston was born in 1913, the Durham, he was even spoken of as a possible outside contender as Michael Ramsey's successor.

Had Huddleston been appointed to Canterbury he would have brought to bear muchof the Woodard Foundation needed spiritual insights upon schools, Lancing College. His the problems of an established destiny never wavered. After church working, in effect, in a three years at Christ Church, missionary situation, but he Oxford, he went straight to would have been considered far-Wells Theological College. He too likely to rock the state as well as the ecclesiastical boat for even the most adventurous After testing his vocation to prime minister to have seriously Instead, in 1978 Huddle-

ston was mysteriously whisked. the next five years the bishopric ly signed his name Trevor Indian Ocean is unlikely, but he was entitled to. On his retirement in 1983 he was appointed, at the age of 70. Provost of Selly Oak College, and at the same time he became chairman of the international Defence and Aid fice of Emeritus Archbishop,

The need to repeal the He remained in England racially instigated laws of South for five years (from 1958 to 1960 Africa, and to alleviate the inwas elected bishop of Masasi, -- government from pulpit and



Huddleston: 'champion of universal justice and peace'

community, Trevor Huddleston years of his ministry having for long insisted on his prerogative as a bishop on living in a flat attached to St James's Church, Piccadilly, and from there he continued to campaign.

On the advice of the Foreign

Secretary, in the last New Year's Honours List Huddleston was created a Knighr Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George, in recognition of his services to UK-South African relations. Without accepting the accolade, which would have entailed resigning holy orders, he preached, and tried to put Huddleston could never be styled Sir Trevor, but it was an imaginative if belated honour white god flown in on a jumbo

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SEEING Trevor Huddleston

changing trains at Liverpool

Street station, writes the Very

Michael De-la-Noy

for the welfare of coloured people tended to irritate some of his Church of England brethren, both clerical and lay. for they felt that his sympathies, although entirely genuine, were perhaps narrowly based, but to the dioceses overseas where into practice, a gospel of total integration he was no mere befitting his international status. jet but a blazing beacon of light He received honorary doc- and hope lit by a divine spark in

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stops me doing the bad things I had intended." Certainly the charisma and

worked: South Africa, the East End of London, Tanzania and righteous action - which the church he never lived to see. lay not in the common mind of the traditional establishment but in its complete inability to control the spiritual power of Huddleston and his followers, leader in the second half of the 20th century.

Though he founded "Fair Play for children short of playing fields, and the Huddleston Centre for Handicapped Children in Clapton, east London, Trevor Huddleston did not set out to attract the young, it simply happened wherever he was. He had been warned when he became a monk that not having children would hit him hardest. But he was a magnet to the young, and was quick to see their potential, Hugh Masekela, first trumpet by Huddleston, who got it for him from Louis Armstrong, When Huddleston came to St Paul's Cathedral with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Deanery was gatecrashed by many who were not churchgoers but wanted to meet a pair whom they admired.

Trevor Huddleston never lost hope in the younger generation. He even came to sympathise with Eastern spirituality, especially later, during his time in Maurithus. In a famous sermon to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Oxford Movement he urged the claims of other faiths: "If we are truly Catholic, it is interfaith ecumenism - the recognition that dialogue between Hindu and Christian, Muslim and Christian, Buddhist and Christian must have priority - that should be the aim for us all in this moment of history." He realised too, long before oth-Rev Alan Webster, an East Aner Catholic leaders, that women glian company chairman said, must be welcomed into the full ministry of the Church: "Women "For me he is a dangerous

things I do not want to do, and ture. To me it is pathetic not to understand this."

Younger people seemed to understand him better than eiauthority of this determined, ther his episcopal contempolaughing, radical bishop has raries or even his Mirfield been seit wherever he has brethren. To one 18-year-old preparing to go to Cameroon on VSO, it seemed natural to ask Mauritius. Huddleston lived for his blessing. "All you must out the essentials - prayer and do is to listen," he said. When a newly married pair took Hudmartyred Dietrich Bonhoeffer dleston to the London Indian laid down for that post-war restaurant Veeraswamy's, he talked with all the children at Ironically, the strength of the neighbouring tables. When East Church of England at that time End parishes enacted a passion play. The Way of the Cross. through the streets. Huddleston again, without affectation, talked with and blessed children on the pavements. It was as if St who captivated younger Chris- Francis was walking round the tians as did no other religious parish of St Dunstan's, Stepney. He was exceedingly acute

politically. He foresaw, long before the British government, that apartheid would collapse if enough pressure were applied by the outside world. He was clever to seize on sporting sanctions against white South Africa; this was not in his eyes bringing politics into sport, but simply rejecting as a kind of blasphemy the laws which prevented black and white playing games together. More than any other international and Commonwealth measures, these who became one of Africa's sporting sanctions alerted Boer leading musicians, was given his and English younger generations in South Africa to the injustice of apartheid.

With Canon John and Diana Collins, Michael Scott and Bishop Ambrose Reeves. Huddleston campaigned for the families of those imprisoned in Robben Island. In contrast to the overcareful Establishment, political and religious, Huddleston urged active support. In his words: "The Church sleeps on - though occasionally it turns in its sleep - and expects (or does it?) the Government to do something."

In his last years as Chairman of International Defence and Aid, £11m annually was raised and transmitted by secret routes to victims and families in desperate need. Could Mandela and the other captives have survived 30 years in prison if their wives and children had been without help? When prime ministers and archbishops felt that the time was not ripe to protest. Huddleston doubled his efforts. The Scottish theologian Donald Mackinnon saw these

enactment of Christ's determination to go to Jerusalem, even when St Peter urged caution and discretion. In this situation the Church could only be authentic in protest.

The world gradually recognised him as it did no other English cleric. Naught For Your Comfort had been a best-seller. In November 1994 he was awarded both the Torch of Kilimanjaro, the highest award of the Tanzanian government. and the Indira Gandhi Award for Peace, Disarmament and Development

Awarding the latter, Sonia Gandhi, daughter-in-law of the assassinated Indira, and widow of the assassinated Rajiv, described Trevor Huddleston as a "sentinel of freedom and brotherhood and a crusader against racism, a man of conviction and compassion and a champion of universal justice and peace". These words, spoken in the former Vice-Regal Lodge built by the Empire which Huddleston's parents had served, felt like a supreme tribute.

Nadine Gordimer treasures a photograph of Huddleston in 1952 at the beginning of his love affair with Africa. He is looking intently at a group of Africans. She describes his face as

lic only by a tin brazier - a pair of gaumi, tightly clasped hands, the bright white band of a clerical collar ... the ear cocked intensely, and the eyes concentrated. Trevor Huddlesion's immense awareness of black people in a city and country and time when white people ignored their lives. categorised them as so many statisties, planned to move them about us so many plastic pins on a demo-graphic map, is in that photograph. If prayer is paying attention

and Christian discipleship is fulfilling the divine will. Trevor Huddleston showed our generation how to be religious.

Ernest Urban Trevor Huddleston, priest: born 15 June 1913; ordained deacon 1936, priest 1937; professed a monk, Community of the Resurrection 1941, Provincial in South Africa 1949-55, Guardian of Novices, Mirfield 1956-58, Prior of the London House 1958-60; Bishop of Masasi 1960-68; Bishop Suffragan of Stepney 1968-78; Bishop of Mauritius 1978-83: Archbishop of the Indian Ocean 1978-83; President, Anti-Apartheid Movement 1981-94; Chairman, International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa 1983-98; President, National Peace Council 1983-98; Provast, Selly Oak Calleges 1983-98; KCMG 1998; died Mirfield,

cranky and to convert meat

eaters by offering attractive

meat substitutes. The book sold

more than 400,000 copies and

became the biggest-selling veg-

etarian cook book of all time.

### Linda McCartney

strength of character was photographer when she apparrevealed in her roles as suc-ently snatched Paul McCartney cessful photographer, busi-from his regular griffriend Jane nesswoman and animal rights Asher in the late 1960s. In fact campaigner as much as protective wife and mother. Loyalty and respect were the qualities she demanded - not for herself al and burgeoned over a year of but for her husband the musician Sir Paul McCartney. For devoted fan.

She could stomach criticism of herself - and she endured plenty during the years after marrying the most eligible Beatie. But she could never understand the wounding slights that went with being an artist of McCartney's stature. There was little she could do to fend off the world that wanted to beat a path Paul's door, but she could provide him with the stability and support he needed during a loving 20-year marriage.

Of all rock star wives, Linda McCartney was one of the most productive and creative. Yet she grew to dislike publicity and preferred to remain a private person. She grew in the public's esteem and affection, from the early days when she had to get over the reaction to her becoming a Beatle wife. Her role in Paul's band Wings (1971-79), her later association with vegetarianism and animal welfare, and her photography, all Leant that she was able to creare her own persona and not just dwell in her husband's shadow. Linda Eastman was seen by

McCARTNEY's some as a brash American rock she was more sensitive than brash, and the attraction between her and Paul was mutucourtship.

They were brought togeth-Linda remained his most er by the late Chas Chandler of the Animals when Chas was managing Jimi Hendrix. He introduced them at the Bag O'Nails Club in London one night in May 1967 when Georgie Fame's band was playing. Paul took her on to another club and she was subsequently invited to the press launch of the Beatles' Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. From then on they were inseparable and were finally married on 12 March 1969 at Marylebone Register Office.

Linda came from a well-todo East Coast family. She had an older brother and two sisters, and was raised in Scarsdale, Westchester County, New York. Her father, Lee Eastman, was a top show-business lawver, and among the family's friends were such celebrities as the bandleader Tommy Dorsey and the

composer Hoagy Carmichael. When she was 18 her mother died in a plane crash. It was perhaps to overcome the trauma that she married a fellow student only a year later. Linda had attended Scarsdale High School and studied art history at the University of Arizona;



Family life on the road: Linda and the McCartneys in 1972

John Melvyn See, a geophysicist. They had a daughter, Heather, in 1963 but were divorced a year later. After university Linda decided to develop her hobby of photography into a career. Her big break came when she successfully photographed the Rolling Stones at a press launch. She became the house photographer

there she met and married at Fillmore East, the New York rock venue where she snapped such artists as Jimi Hendrix.

After Linda and he married, Paul adopted her daughter. The couple lived in St John's Wood in London. They had two daughters, Mary and Stella, and a son, James, and subsequently lived at family homes in Sussex and on the Mull of Kintyre.

and she cheerfully played key-In 1971 Paul formed Wings, boards and sang backing vocals

Photograph: Sygma almost as a kind of therapy following the traumatic disintegration of the Beatles in 1970. Paul needed a band almost as much as he needed a wife. The Beatles had not toured for years anyway and he was eager to get back on the road, to be a working musician once more. He invited Linda to join him

on such albums as Ram (1971). Band on the Run (1973) and Venus and Mars (1975), Although Linda found it a strain and criticism of her musicianship hurt, Wings was very much a family affair. Robert Ellis, Wings pho-

tographer for eight year, was impressed by her resilience: Her musical contributions were un-

derestimated and were much more important than she was often given credit for. Her backing vocals and keyboard solos were a distinctive, inregral part of the Wings' sound. She was very self-deprecating but she was enthusiastic and committed. Wings was a hand in its own right and Linda fended off interviewers who looked on Paul as just an "ex-Beatle". He hated that expression. Linda spent a lot of time and trou-ble helping Paul promote Wings. The children went with them everywhere and the idea was to maintain family life - on the road. Always fond of animals, Lin-

da found herself becoming increasingly concerned with their welfare. When Wings were playing at Madison Square Garden, New York, she discovered that the animals from a circus were being kept in the basement. She insisted on inspecting them all and making sure they wouldn't be affected by the sound of the band over their heads. In 1989 she set up Animal Line with the television scriptwriter Carla Lanc. Linda maintained her inter-

est in photography. Ellis recalls:

She always had a camera around ber neck, a battered little Nikon that didn't even have a motor wind. She always took a sympathetic interest in

the needs of other photographers and she had a good eye for pictures. She was essentially a very private person who did not like intrusion into their family life, but when it was to do with Wings she was very co-operative. The only thing that made her angry was seeing photographers not taking pictures during a show. "You are here to work!" she'd say.

After Wings broke up in 1979 she concentrated on artistic and business interests, In 1987 she had an exhibition of her work at the Royal Photographic Society in Bath and another at Hamilton's in Mayfair in 1993. At the same time she turned her passionate interest in vegetarianism to practical purposes, launching a "Linda McCartney brand of meatless burgers and pies in the early

Nineties, a huge success. Several years earlier the couple had turned their backs on meat after a lunch of roast lamb at their Sussex farmhouse. Outside their kitchen they could see lambs frisking in the fields. "Glancing down at our plates, we suddenly realised that we were eating the leg of an animal that had until recently been happily gambolling," Linda stated. "We thought, 'We love these sheep - they're such gentle creatures, so why are we eating them?" "Thereafter both Paul and Linda gave up eating meat and campaigned for the better treatment of animals.

Her Home Cooking recipe book (1991) was a part of her campaign to make people

aware that vegetarianism wasn't

And as a result of assute promotion and heavy demand, she sold 17 million of her precooked vegetarian meals in one year alone, taking some 25 per cent share of the UK market. It was an impressive achievement and she became a millionairess in her own right. At one stage she was selling more pies that Paul was selling records. In 1995 she developed breast

cancer. After undergoing an operation to remove a tumour it was believed that she had made a full recovery. However, in March this year, the cancer returned. Two days before her death, on holiday in California, she went riding with Paul.

In all their years of marriage Linda and Paul McCartney never had any serious disagreements. She accompanied him on his latest album, Flaming Pic (1997), written and recorded during her illness. As Robert Ellis put it: "The love and harmony between them was palpable.

Chris Welch

Linda Louise Eastman, photographer, musician and campaigner: born Scarsdale, New York 24 September 1941; married 1963 John Melvyn See (one daughter, marriage dissolved 1964), 1969 Paul McCartney (Kz 1997; one son, two daughters); died Santa Barbara, California 17 April 1998.

### BIRTHS

LAMBERT: On 10 April, at Harold Wood Hospital, Havering, Essex, to kay (nee Reid) and Stephen, a son, Max William James, a brother for

### DEATHS

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HOT: Helena Muriet (Lena) died peaceluly on 19 April, aged 85. She was nursed with loving care by Aridrew. Wendy and their professional colleagues but succumbed to an interable dibess which she endured with great fortifude. A beloved grand-wher, mother, since and wife who has also a treless worker for Abbeyfield, the will be greatly missed. Cremation at 2 pur on Thursday 30 April at Berkresham Crematonium. Familian

### BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS

ly flowers only, donations to Friends of Abbeyfield, Orpington or The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher via A & E Longhurst, 21/23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey KT17 2DX. A

TUPPIELD: (Tuffy) John Christopher, best beloved, cove, Wester Ross, died quite unexpectedly on 18 April

# at Raigmore Hospital, invertiest Fu-neral Service at St Machrubha Church, Poolewe, 1pm, Wednesday 22 April, Family flowers, Donations if de-sired to Fight Savers International.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICES** GREY: John Patrick. A memorial ser GREY: John Patrick. A memorial ser-vice for John, who died at Traquari on 17 March, will be held on 30 April at St Etherbrede's, Ely Place, Holborn Circus, at 4pm. All who knew John will be welcome to come and share our thanksgiving for his life.

MURRAY: A memorial service for Dr K.M.E. (Betty) Murray will be held at 12 noon Friday 15 May, Chichester

### Birthdays

The Queen, 72; Professor Gerald Benney, goldsmith and silversmith, 68; Mr Ian Bruce, Director-General, Royal National Institute for the Blind, 53; Sir George Burton, former chairman, Fisons, 82: Mr Laurence Ellis, former Rector, Edinburgh Academy, 66; Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP, 46: Mr Robin Gourlay, chairman, Anglian Water, 59; Air Marshal Sir John Hugger-Tod. 81: Sir Robin Ibbs. former chairrion, Lioyds TSB, 72; Mr Bernard Latham, actor, 47; Mr John McCabe, composer and pianist, 59: Mr Tony Macaulay, popular com-poser, 54; Mr Ronald Magill, actor.

78; Mr Alasdair Morgan MP, 53; Miss Angela Mortimer (Barrett), teunis player, 66: Mr John Mortimer QC, author and playwright, 75; Sir Geoffrey Palmer, former prime minis-ter of New Zealand, 56; Mr Ben Patterson, former MEP, 59; Mr An-Quinn, actor, 83; The Right Rev Donald Snelgrove, former Bish-op Suffragan of Hull, 73; Maj-Gen Sir John Swinton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berwickshire, 73; Mr Srinivas

Venkataraghavan, cricketer, 52.

### Anniversaries

Births: Lodovico Carracci, painter, 1555; Charlotte Bronte, novelist,

1816: Henry-Marie-Joseph Millon de Montherlant, novelist and playwright. 1896. Deaths: St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109; Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), novelist, 1910; Samuel Rutherford Crockett, novelist, 1914; Baron Manfried von Richthofen, aviator, killed in action 1918: Marie Corelli (Mary Mackay), author, 1924: Eleonora Duse, actress, 1924; Robert Seymour Bridges, poet, 1930; John May-nard Keynes, first Baron Keynes, economist. 1946; Sir Richard Stafford Cripps, statesman, 1952; Sara Margery Fry, social reformer, 1958; Sir Edward Victor Appleton, physicist, 1965; François Duvalier

("Papa Doc"), president of Haiti, 1971. On this day: the City of Rome was founded (traditional date), 753 BC; the Canadian North-West Mounted Police were established, 1873; a military junta took over the government of Greece, 1967. Today is the Feast Day of St Anastasius I of Antioch, St Anselm of Canterbury, St Beuno, St Conrad of Parzham, St Malrubius or Machrobia and St Simeon Barsabas and Others.

### Lectures

National Portrait Gallery: Andrew Bradstock, "Thomas Cranmer, Reformation Archbishop", 1.10pm.

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Changing of the Guard
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### Blair: making his own luck

WHEN considering whether to promote one of his generals Napoleon used to ask "has he luck?" He would have been pleased with Tony Blair. Certainly the Prime Minister enjoys more of this precious commodity than his predecessor. John Major, who may well be remembered by historians as the "unlucky Prime Minister". He may have initiated the Northern Ireland peace process but it was Tony Blair who came to be in a position to shake the "hand of history" in Belfast, But Tony Blair's success in Ulster was due to more than his lucky stars and his success so far in the Middle East is also attributable to a happy and rare combination of luck and potitical skills. For Tom Blair it seems as though the hand of history may be about to beckon again in the Middle East, although it is far from assured.

Of course Tony Blair would not be making this trip at all were it not for the fact that Britain happens to be holding the Presidency of the European Union. He is also lucky that Robin Cook's visit preceded his and. as it were, "broke the ice" for his boss at this particular party and dispatched the ampleasant business of letting the Israelis know precisely where Eutope stands on West Bank settlements. And he arrives at a time when the peace process is bogged down but when the protagonists may be looking for some passing Samaritan to help them out of their rut. This, perhaps, is what lay behind the apparently spontaneous offer by the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to "go anywhere" including London to bring fresh momentum to the Middle East peace process. But, as one of Tony Blair's heroes. Lady Thatcher, was fond of telling protegés, "you make your

As Israel celebrates her 50th birthday it is as well to remember that the two great colonial powers in the region used to be the British and the French. Britain's handling of the end of her mandate in Palestine in 1948 was not the most glorious in decolonisation. The British Foreign Office was long regarded as a nest of pro-Arab sympathies. Mr Blair had a lot of historical baggage to live down here. But most importantly the Prime Minister lacked the cride levers of power that would make his job easier. Europe has nothing like the trade and economic and military clout that the United States has. When push comes to shove the EU is not quite in the superpower league. All the more important, then, that Tony Blair has demonstrated such skill in building up a very special relationship with President Clinton.

The political dimension of Anglo-American friendship has proved to be more valuable than anyone could have foreseen. A few weeks ago the Prime Minister visited a beleaguered Bill Clinton in Washington and went out of his way to help a man he insisted on calling a "friend". This was at a time, we should recall, when the political pundits were running their tape measures across Vice-President Gore. In political terms Britain certainly left behind some grateful allies in Washington. Bill Clinton is the man who made innumerable telephone calls to the parties in Stormont in order to scal the Good Friday agreement. When it comes to the Middle East Mr Blair and the European Union cannot hope to emulate the power and influence of the United States.

But Blair does not have to replace the United States and he does not wish to. He has correctly identified his role as assisting the Americansponsored peace process; any European role will not cut across this. It is made possible because President Clinton can trust Tony Blair.

The second thing Tony Blair has going for him is Tony Blair. He is an engaging man. Both in Northern Ireland and the Middle East they have not yet developed the "cult of youth" in political leadership which we have witnessed. They must find this extraordinarily young man with a big smile who returned his party to office after 18 years in the wilderness a remarkable novelty, if nothing else. To whatever luck and natural charm he may have inherited must be added those essential political skills he has worked hard to develop and have found their use in the arena of peace-making in a way and at a speed that was unthinkable a year ago. He has been adept at making natural enemies see the point in working together. He is able to communicate to them the lessons of history. He has recognised that progress is only possible when protagonists are determined to make it happen.

Tony Blair is a keen football fan and would be less than human if he were not tempted by "doing a double" and brokering peace in Ulster and the Middle East before the first birthday of his administration. We must be cautious still about the prospects; as such triumphs are as rare in polities as they are in sport.

### Rock solid role model

LOOKING back at her life, it is hard to understand why Linda McCartnev encountered the consistent hostility and vilification that she did. It is also difficult not to admire her patient endurance of it. Those who attacked her made no secret of their contempt for her virtues and the values which she represented. Now, at a time when sentimentality is supposed to be untashionable, it is still worth remembering these.

First of all, compared to most "rock families", she provided an alternative model for a wife and family. She sensibly ensured that her children had a state education in comprehensive schools. She provided a rock solid family life. At 56 she died young but lived to see the success of her daughter Stella as a fashion designer.

Second, she was courageous in promoting the beliefs she felt so passionately about, and hers were worthwhile causes. It should be remembered that when she began to espouse vegetarianism and animal rights they were nothing like as mainstream even as they are today,

Thirty years ago Linda Eastman was regarded as the pushy American who came over to steal our "prince of pop". If so, Paul McCartney was obviously very happy to be thieved and enjoy the happiest of marriages. That should be good enough for all of us.



#### Human Rights Bill

NOW that Parliament has returned from recess, the Human Rights Bill is waiting to go into Committee in the House of Commons. We warmly welcome this Bill, which brings the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. We are glad that the Government has also shown a willingness to discuss the establishment of a statutory body to pro- ANGELA PENROSE. Save the mote awareness of the Human Rights Act. We believe that such a body is needed from the beginning if the Act London EC1 is to fulfil its true potential.

We therefore ask the Government to consider the early appointment of a Human Rights Commissioner, A Commissioner could promote good practice in the protection of human rights, and provide advice and support to public bodies affected by the Act, as well as to individuals who believe their rights have been infringed. A Commissioner could also, after wide public consultation, advise the Govrnment on the long-term options for a Human Rights Commission and its potential relationship with existing statutory bodies. ANDREW PUDDEPHATT. Charter88

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JUDI CLEMENT, MIND SUKHVINDER STUBBS, The Children

ANGELA MASON, Stonewall

#### Fees for students

YOUR front page story "Fees forcing young to quit education" (20 April) is not borne out by the most recent evidence. Applications from 18- to 21-year-olds for places this autumn were 270,255 in mid-March, compared with 268,392 at the same time last year. That is an increase of around I per cent.

The projections in the Departmental Report, prepared some time ago, were intended to reflect the fact that there were 13,000 more students going to university last year than expected. In fact, the projections in the 1997 Departmental Report anticipated 30 to 31 per cent of under-21year-olds going to university rather than the 33 per cent who actually did so. The figure in the Departmental Report for 1998-99 simply reflects the sector. projections already made by the previous government before fees were introduced. However, given the rate at which applications from younger students were already running, demand is already higher this

year than last. There is no evidence that fees have had any deterrent effect on school leavers seeking undergraduate places. Demand for higher education continues to rise among school leavers. There will be over 3,000 more places available in universities and colleges for higher education students this year and extra places in the years ahead. Students realise that the introduction of fees. which are not paid by the poorest and post-graduate earnings, is both fair and necessary to enable further expansion to take place in the future. DI KIM HOWELLS

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Department for Education and

Employment London SWI

WHO but government ministers could imagine that higher education would be the only commodity that is not price-sensitive? When it further transpires that those most deterred from higher education (report, 20 April) turn out to be students from disadvantaged backgrounds, let us not be amazed.

perience by those who can afford to enter. The Dearing Committee warned of an inevitable degradation in standards if substantial sums of money were not invested immediately. The Government has failed to provide more than a fraction of that required and has ignored the need to get more from the business

review body, staff are facing yet another sub-inflation pay offer. Sooner or later, there will be another round of industrial action which no sane person wants. Our students do not deserve all this. P K BURGESS

In the absence of a standing pay

Immediate Past President, Association of University Teachers

### The end of Fleet Street

Anne McElvoy rewrites history when . she asserts ("New Labour's Tryst with Murdoch", 20 April) that The Independent would not exist had Rupert Murdoch not broken the hold of the which are repaid only according to print unions at Wapping.

Murdoch moved his papers to Wapping on 24 January 1986. Andreas Whittam Smith had announced his plan for The Independent a month earlier, on 27 December 1985. Like Eddy Shah, whose preparations for the spring cal businesses. launch of Today were by then well advanced, he proposed to bypass the print unions by using modern technology. Shah had already successfully confronted the unions ter balance. Maybe it might be a two years earlier at his plant at

Warrington. The Wapping move had of course been plotted well in advance, but neither Whittam Smith nor Shah had any knowledge of it when they launched their initiatives. It is prob-Let us also not be surprised at the able that the timing of the Murdoch fall in the quality of education ex- coup was dictated in part by the imminent arrival of two new competi-

> tors, rather than vice versa. This is not to deny the significance of Wapping; but its main beneficiaries - apart from Murdoch's own papers - were his existing rivals, who were finally able to slip the union yoke and make good their escape from Fleet Street. MICHAEL LEAPMAN London SW8

### Addicted to war games

LISA DONOVAN (letter, 17 April) queries whether violent computer games are really a threat to children. Our 12-year-old son has become

increasingly addicted to them. My wife and I now have to make an important decision. We can let him grow into adulthood with a distorted, unfeeling view of society, or we can exercise our parental responsibility and ban the wretched things. Are we being unreasonable and heavy-handed in choosing the latter option? JOHN O'BYRNE

#### Death by supermarket

Your Ludlow story was very interesting ("Saving the view from the bridge", 18 April). After a few years of holidaying abroad I began exploring England again, and found that most pleasant small towns I remember from the 1980s and early 1990s are in their death throes. The reason is invariably a large supermarket either in or out of town, which has sucked in all the customers that formerly maintained lo-

Nearly everyone likes the convenience of big supermarkets. But most of us also value pleasant towns. I think there now needs to be a betgood idea to ban all new supermarket developments if there is another supermarket within, say. 20 miles?

In Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, a shopkeeper said to me: "We saved the town from being wrecked by developers in the 1960s, but now it's been wrecked by supermarkets ~ I. don't know why we bothered." I hope, this won't be the epitaph of most other English country towns. A WOOLF

London NW6

### Name these islands

WHAT should we call "These Islands? (Letters 14, 16, 17, 20 April)? How about "The British Isles and Ireland"? After all, the Isle of Man, Hebrides. Shetlands etc are involved

MARTIN LYNN Belfast

SOME day in the future, when Ireland is united, when Scotland and Wales have become fully independent, when the medieval absurdities of the House of Lords and monarchy have been abolished and we have the sense to reunite, voluntarily, in a truly federal system, the name of "these Islands" could well be taken from the initial letters of the four constituent parts, the WISE Islands. GWYN DAVIES Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire

### The 'Titanic' decides to sink – into the lifeboats, women and husbands first



TODAY I bring you yet another extract Lady: Never mind about that! When are from the rediscovered play by Noel Coward, which is called Brief Tubles, and is the only full-length comedy he ever set on board the Tuante.

The story so far: Maxim and Chloe are on their honeymoon on the Titanic. One of their fellow-passengers, unfortunately. is Chloe's first husband Albert, whom she thought dead when he failed to reappear from an expedition to the North Pole. She is thus in the awkward position of being married to two men. The position is further complicated when the Tuanic runs into an iceberg and decides to sink.

Act Three takes place in a first class lifeboat, in which Chioe has managed to find a space among the other women. They are all addressed by Jim. a ship's

Jim: On behalf of the management. I would like to applogise for the unscheduled collision with an iceberg...

we going to have dinner?

Jim: I don't think you understand the situation, your ladyship. We shall be lucky to survive at all. We are in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean in a small rowing boat. Lady: Then for heaven's sake start rowing. man, and stop blathering!

Jim: Yes, your ladyship. At this point a man puts his head over the edge, and ciambers in. It is Albert. Albert: Room for one more? Jim: Sorry, sir. Ladies only.

Chive: Albert! Jim: You know this gent, madam? Chloe: Yes. He is my husband. Jim: Well, OK. jump in. but keep your head down and be prepared to do some rowing.

Chloe: Albert! How was it in the Atlantic? Albert: Very wet. Chloe: You must be freezing Albert: Yes, I am. On the other hand, when you have been to the North Pole and back

and survived...

Chioe: But you didn't. Albert: Pardon?

Chlor: It's something I've been meaning

to ask you. Six months after we got married you went off to the North Pole and never came back. Now you turn up again on the Titanic, and you never say anything about what happened in between. Albert: It was all at my publisher's request.

He thought tny first book would have a better chance of selling if it had an alluring biography on the back. You know ... "Alben Settler has been a cowboy, panhandler, policeman, pirate and professional boxer. He has led an expedition to the North Pole and was on the maiden voyage of the Titunic" ... that sort of thing.

Chloe: I see ... I didn't know you had been a cowboy. Albert: I haven't yet. That comes next.

Chioe: I see ... Well, that certainly beats Maxim for initiative. I don't think he could put anything like that on the back of a book. After his schooldays, his curriculum vitae runs thin. Actually, I'm not sure he was even educated ...

Lady: How DARE you! Jim: Just a moment, just a moment ... (Jim reaches forward and twitches off the lady's hood, revealing that she is a man. Indeed, that she is Maxim in lady's clothing.) Blimey, a man in disguise!

Chloe: Maxim! Jim: You know this man, madam? Chloe: Yes. He is my husband. Jim: ANOTHER husband?

Chloe: Yes. A rather more recent husband than the other one. We are, in fact, on our honeymoon together. Jim: I see. Well, madam, if any of your oth-

er husbands turn up, be sure to let me know. Chloe: Maxim, may I ask why you are dressed as a lady? Maxim: Of course. The explanation is quite

Chloe: I think I know what it is. You were desperate to survive. They were only accepting women in the lifeboats. You disguised yourself as a woman. Oh, Maxim, how could you!

Maxim: You misjudge me, Chioe. It was not like that at all. It is something I was going to talk to you about sooner or later. The fact is that I ... I enjoy dressing up in ladies' clothes. There! I have said it.

Chice: So do I. What could be more normal?

Maxim: I am glad you have taken it so well. The fact is that when I went to dress for dinner, I thought I would have time to spend ten minutes in one of my evening dresses. Alas! No sooner had I assumed female garb than we were struck by an iceberg. Chloe: How inconsiderate of it.

Maxim: I had no time to change back. I was swept out into the sea, mistaken for a woman and plucked into a lifeboat.

How exciting! But will they escape? Will Moxim's dress get badly crushed and shrank? Will he get an Oscar for best supporting actor of cither gender? Who knows?



# Poverty's on the rise, and there are no plans to bring it down



COYLE WHY INEQUALITY IS HERE TO STAY

A FIFTH of Britam's population - and a quarter of its children - were living in poverty by 1995, more than double the 1979 proportions. Such was the legacy of Mrs Thatcher's economic miracle. Even more alarmingly, the number below the poverty line is predicted to rise by as much as 2 million, to about 12 million, during the lifetime of this parliament. These figures suggest Britain is facing something close to an economic crisis, as our columnist Gavyn Davies - a very wealthy City banker who happens to be a close adviser to the first Labour Chancellor in nearly 20 years - noted yesterday.

new deal for the poorest members of society, the long-term unemployed, the low-paid, and children from low income families, is a goverument priority. His Budget last month was the most redistributive for decades, even slipping in a tax increase on the higher paid through the unobtrusive means of an increase in employers' national insurance contributions.

Yet in the grand scheme of economic policy, the £5.2bn he is spending on welfare-towork programmes, spread over two years, is small beer. The Chancellor has staked his reputation on tough control of public spending. low inflation and steady growth. And a raft of figures due this week will show that he has got off to a flying start in these areas.

Yesterday brought the news that government horrowing last financial year was the lowest for seven years. Ken Clarke set the tough spending plans, but Gordon Brown delivered them. Some experts think the current year could see a repayment of the national debt. starting to repair the damage to Britain's finances wreaked by the Conservatives ahead of the 1992 election. Other figures this week are likely to show a further fall in unemployment, now about the lowest it has been for a decade; low pay and price inflation; and think ahead, to spot new opportunities, to economic growth gliding down to a sustain- capitalise on recent successes. The Govable and comfortable pace, However you divide up the credit between this government edge creative and scientific industries and the last, this looks like an amazingly good

Not surprisingly, many people find\_it hard to understand why, if the economy is doing so well, the Government is not doing a lot more to tackle poverty and inequality is ter at picking themselves - it would be an this a prosperous and successful nation or not? If it is, why is it scarred by high and rising not bothering to have an industrial policy poverty levels? Who cares about hitting the inflation target and getting the Government's finances into the black if the price is micro-economic successes that increase skimping and humiliation for one in every five people?

The answer lies in understanding what governments can and can't do in a modern economy, and this is something on which the 18 Tory years shed a revealing light. Conservative economic policy was characterised by an unintentional mix of large-scale micro-economic mistakes and minor micro-economic miracles. Successive chancellors plunged the country into a recession so deep it wiped out a quarter of the manufacturing base in a couple of years, followed by the biggest boom for decades, followed in turn by the longest downturn since the war

On the other hand, the Conservative agenda of deregulation and "flexibility" almost certainly improved Britain's long-term growth rate and helped halt the relative economic decline, compared to the US and rest of Europe. It was not so much the flagship policies of mass privatisation and union-bashing that achieved this as the unexciting, backroom stuff; cutting the red tape that had tied up small businesses, so they would employ more staff; introducing competition into telecommunications, and the like.

The lesson rightly drawn by Gordon Brown is that the most important thing a government can achieve in its micro-economic policy - in other words in tax and spending plans and in setting interest rates - is to avoid making mistakes. This explains his emphasis on long-term rules and the orthodoxy of low inflation and low borrowing. After all, he has to get these right; but they are not in themselves the things people care about.

What governments can achieve is an economic policy more modest in its scope but potentially more far-reaching in its consequences. Micro-government has to focus on small changes in the structure of the economy, which can sometimes end up having a big impact on the things that do matter, such as the number of people with jobs, the levels of income and how it is distributed. Gordon Brown has made it plain that a The reforms to the structure of national insurance contributions announced in the Budget fall into this category. So does the welfare-to-work programme because, modest as it is in terms of the money spent, it might change fundamentally attitudes to claiming

### Many people wonder why the Government is not doing a lot more to tackle poverty

The increasingly controversial "rebranding Britain" project is in the same category of micro-policy. As Tony Blair said at the weekend, lashing back at the trendies who have criticised the Government for trying to be cool, "It's actually about real jobs, real investment, real industry.

He is right. The point of an industrial policy is precisely to encourage businesses to ernment should be talking up the cuttingbecause they are laying the foundations for future economic prosperity and wealth creation. While the last Labour government's experience of picking winners turned out to be an unhappy one - winners are much betoutrage if the New Labour government was

It will be difficult enough to generate prosperity, but the hardest political challenge is going to be sharing the benefits. There are no simple levers the Government canpull to turn higher investment and growth into reductions in poverty and inequality. Ratchet up government spending? Recent and bitter experience indicates that this would end up being a mistake on both macro and micro scales. If it were that easy, a wealthy country like Britain would not be starting from the current catastrophic situation.

# The most hated man in Britain has a good point about sanctions



MARR ON CHANGING

A FAILED POLICY

IT'S A JOB one Labour MP always has to have: "the most odious man in Britain" is a semi-formal honorific held in the past by Tony Benn (MOMB, retired, now much-loved grandfatherly diarist). Dennis Skinner (now revered parliamentary relic and almost-loyalist) and Ken Livingstone who, although still a threat as a London mayoral candidate, is officially less odious now that talking to Sinn Fein is done in the best circles.

So, who next? The new candidate-MOMBer is George Galloway, a moustachio'd Scottish MP who may need some introduction south of the Border. "Gorgeous George" is the man whose hand-shaking meeting with Saddam Hussein and whose recent ushering into Britain of a 4-year-old Iraqi girl for cancer treatment infuriated the foreign policy establishment.

But he has form. He is almost a professional infuriator. He is hated by different ministers for an impressive variety of reasons. He was snubbed by Gordon Brown after passing a copy of Paul Routledge's biography of the Chancellor to a journalist. At the Scottish Office, they regard him as a quasi-nationalist and a sub-revolutionary poseur.

Going further back, his fiercely pro-Palestinian line at Dundee city chambers, which flew the PLO flag as it failed to attract investment, was seen as terrible advertising for that struggling town. His career at War on Want, including a sex scandal in Greece was, to put it mildly, controversial. He is not, in short, a sound fellow. He is a leftist romantic, the sort for "friendship societies" and international solidarity committees and perhaps the last man in public life who can use the word "cadre" without embarrassment. But then, our political history is littered with radicals who were mostly disliked, and often daft, but who nevertheless pointed out uncomfortable truths that the respectable. grown-up world blittiely refused to confront. Think of indefensible Wilkes and the free press. or Red Ken and the case for London-wide democracy.

It seems to me that on Iraq, Galloway follows squarely in the same tradition. As Rupert Comwell argued on this page last



George Galloway with the ill Iraqi girl he brought to Britain

week, he is broadly right about the futility of sanctions. But since that article, Galloway has been further vilified on this subject and this weekend was the target of a News of the World sex "expose", about which he is suing. Given that the Government is hosting a conference in London just now on the vexed question of the Iraqi oil-for-food deal and Galloway is its main tormentor on the issue, the story

was at the very least happily

timed for the powers that be. The London conference, which ends today, is in fact further evidence of the oddity. even the madness, of our current position. Let's recap. At the time of the Gulf war, we could easily have destroyed Saddam's army and driven him from power. Given that he is regularly compared in the West to Hitler. historians will wonder why we didn't, whatever the UN position, Instead, we imposed sanctions. But sanctions don't bring down regimes, whether in South

Africa, Libya or Iran (Cornwell,

op. cit.). Saddam seems, if any-

thing, stronger than he was before the invasion of Kuwait. Sanctions have actually helped him, by aiding the paranoia, ignorance and isolation on which his regime feeds, without in any way undermining his internal power structure. His torturers and army thugs

are free to repress, murder and intimidate across most of Iraq: anyone who thinks that shortages of sugar or painkillers are going to persuade the citizens to rise up in democratic, liberal protest, doesn't know their Baghdad from their Budapest. The only way sanctions have "worked" is in making millions of ordinary Iraqis' lives almost intolerable. They have "worked" in that they have burt children in hospital. They have "worked" because they have killed peasants whose only crime was to be born in one part of the Middle East rather than another. Meanwhile, Western unease about killing Iraqi civilians for diplomatic ends is beginning to grow, so that one day it may rival Western un-

ease about actually fighting.

The London conference is about a proposed expansion of the barter arrangement that allows food into Iraq in return for oil. Though Galloway and the Arab League regard this as a US-British plot ultimately designed to keep a sanctions policy in place, it is also possible to read the new moves on food-foroil as a cautious recognition that sanctions have been too brutal.

Meanwhile, in another part of the woods, the warrior-drums are beating again. Koti Annan's trip to Baghdad in February partially defused a crisis over the inspections. But the inspectors are again at boiling Richard Butler, the Aus-

tralian diplomat who heads the UN team, said in a weekend in-

terview that fraq had had an opportunity over the past month to give "a full and complete declaration of past hin-weapons programmes and where they stand now ... and they blew it". Butler seems to have little doubt what the effect will be when he reports to the UN later this week: The last time we released a report like this, it triggered the crisis in the Gulf." William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, has made similarly tough comments within the last few days during a visit to a US air base in Turkey.

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Saddam and his henchfolk clearly see the stormclouds gathering too. At the weekend, hundreds of thousands of Kalashnikov-waving Iraqis marched through "Grand Festivities Square" in Baghdad in a six-hour parade against the US, In interviews with Reuters they said exactly what hyped-up and perhaps terrified people always say when some despotic regime marches them in its defence against "the aggressor". Their expressions of maniacally patriotic determination would have translated perfectly into propaganda from Albania under Hoxha or North Korea (oday.

So we won't drive Saddam from power. We know sanctions don't work and we sit around in London expressing unease about their human effects. On the other hand, we might bomb Baghdad a bit just to show how cross we are. We won't kill the tiger, and we cannot starve him. So let's jab a sharpened stick through the bars and see what

It is a futile wreck of a policy, even if it came about for virtuous reasons - the result of a fastidious legalism that the world probably needs. It would be more moral and humane to be less legal - to send teams of assassins into Iraq day after day or, alternatively, to offer Saddam a secure island paradise and a mound of gold for the rest of his life in return for leaving Iraq.

But whatever we do, we should lift the sanctions. They are cruel and utterly pointless They haven't harmed a hair of Saddam's fat moustache. Nor will trading with Iraq make him a more dangerous man - all history suggests the opposite. Like Galloway or loothe him, he has a simple argument that needs to be heard above gittletattle or smears. He is telling truth to power. Meanwhile, aren't these sanctions The Most Odious Policy in Britain? It not. I'd like to hear what's

# Le BritPack est arrivé, but where have they got to?



ROSIE MILLARD ON THE BUZZY **NORLD OF ART** 

T HAD to happen. Trendy conceptual art, once the sole preserve of scary-looking people stalking galleries in sunglasses, has become mainstream. Everyone knows about the BritPack. Damien Hirst put a pickled shark in the Royal Academy; thousands queued up to see it. Rachel Whiteread defiled - or beautified - a terraced house in East London (depending on which way you look at it); it was reported in The Sun. Sarah Lucas's fried-egg sculptures have suffered the ultimate indignation by being waterproofed, squashed and slapped onto the covers of golfing umbrellas.

These artists are no longer an incrowd to be smughy talked about over-Islington dinner tables, but a celebpack discussed in the pages of Hello!. If you doubt it, tune into that haven of democracy, Classic FM. There you will come across an advert for Hamlet, which tells the sad story of Daisy the cow. Daisy takes to puffing on a Hamlet cigar after she finds out she is bound for Damien Hirst's studio and his electric saw. It's accessible enough to make the Secretary of State for Culture jump for joy.

Now, even the cosy arrangement herween dealer and Armani-clad collector is to be blown apart when gems from the BritPack are to be sold in that most democratic of arenas, the auction room. Tomorrow, Christie's is hosting a 117-lot sale of Contemporary Art. Forget insider knowledge. sanglasses and this month's copy of Parken (it's a trendy art magazine). You want a Damien Hirst spin painting?

Simply rock up to Christie's and wave your arm at the appropriate moment.

This is an important development. Contemporary art is normally considered too new to auction. Secondary sales are normally the preserve of art at least 50 years old. Yet Christie's is clearly confident that the BritPack has now achieved an independent market value. To hammer home the arrival of trendy art into the mainstream, it decided to hold its pre-sale view not in stuffy old Mayfair, but a vast warehouse in East London. A Damien Hirst drug cabinet jostled for conceptual eminence against a life-size igloo made out of glass and twigs. Guests noted down reserve prices as if in a car showroom, wandering nonchalantly past upside-down Baselitz paintings, fibre-glass paving stones from the Boyle family, and a rude sculpture from the Chapman brothers. The youthfulness of the whole do was underlined by the food, namely sushi for 800 on a vast revolving belt, and free bubbly.

But where were the Young British Artists who had inspired all this? Had they hot-footed along from their nearby garrets? Er, no. All were invited, but had elected to go to the Sadie Coles gallery off Regent Street, where a selection of bizarre photographs by Sarah Lucas and Angus Fairhurst were on display. So the stuffed shirts were in the East End while the revolutionaries were in the West End. Which just proves you can invent an art market but you can't invent a scene.

F COURSE, stars hate turning up to events they are connected with. Take the Film Four Limited launch, which took place in an NCP car park on a night when it was raining stair-rods.

"Never mind!" said the Channel Four Press Person joyously. "It's all undercover! Take a golf buggy to the fourth floor." It's a vista which will probably never be revisited in the history of television. Executives, directors, scriptwriters,

and the odd journalist were perched aboard highly unstable, soaking wet buggies, and whisked up four giddying carbon monoxide-impregnated floors at breakneck speed. And yes, people did fall off. Arriving, I staggered off my chariot and bumped into the theatrical agent Janet Fielding. "There's no-one here," yelled Janet, although evidence suggested otherwise. "And the music's too loud. I want to network! It's impossible! There are no sofas."

Sofas? The party's in a car-park, Janet. Anyway, the food was quite good. And for celeb-spotters there was Mrs Merton, aka Caroline Aherne. I was keep to meet her, since that day I had interviewed her prototype. Dame Edna Everage. On hearing that I had met the Dame, Mrs. Merton was downcast. "She hates me," she said sadiy. "I love her ... but she hated me. Can't stand the competition. What did she say about

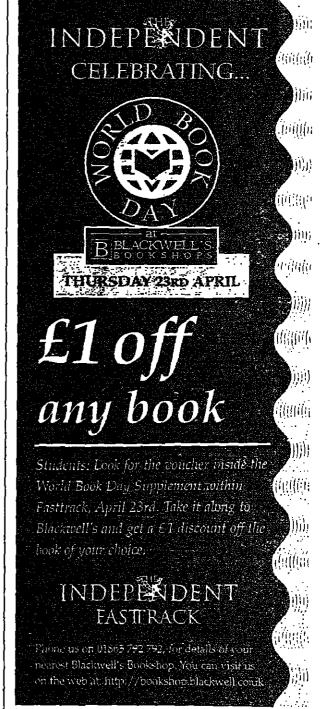
I thought it was perhaps time I climbed back on the golf buggy.

"Dame Edna?", I said. "She said that you were a sweet girl, that you did your best. And that no-one could ask you to do more than that." La Belle Edna sans Merci. Or something like that.

ND when it comes to luvvie competition, who can beat Lihis? We all know that behind the air-kisses, the atmosphere can get a bit tense in the world of the musical; but the current rivalry between our two Knights of lyrical theatre has really taken off. Sir Andrew-nay, Lord-Lloyd Webber gives a charity birthday bash, and invites luminaries such as Antonio Banderas, Elaine Paige and, believe it or not, Donny Osmond, to sing his songs all night long at the Albert Hall. The night was a triumph, a magnificent mirror to Sir Andrew and his works. And John Major, the unlikely inventor of Cool Britannia, was in the audience.

Now we receive a press release from Sir Cameron, as in Mackintosh, as in the other major West End musical producer. 'A Charity Gala Evening! Staged Highlights of Cameron Mackintosh's career!" In what looks like a naughty response to Sir Andrew's glittering parade, Sir Cameron has mustered the likes of Brian Blessed, Donald Sinden and Ned Sherrin to sing numbers from his productions. Oh, and members of his audience will include the Queen and Prince Philip. So there. Aspects of Love? I don't think so.

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OUTLOOK ON THE END OF AN ERA FOR AN **AMERICAN** INVESTMENT BANK THE CLOSING STAGES OF THE ARGOS BATTLE. AND THE SMALL PRINT BEHIND THE THOMSON PERK

# Why the partners will take the money and run

WHAT partners of Goldman Sachs should do and what they will do are different questions. One thing is for sure; in the interests of the firm they should not be voting to turn themselves from a partnership into a listed public company. That way is madness. In so doing, they would destroy the partnership culture and ethos which lies at the heart of the firm's success. A partnership in Goldman Sachs is one of the great modern-day symbols of personal and monetary achievement. A goal potentially open to all, it ensures a drive, ambition and cleverness few other people businesses have been able to mirror.

Other investment banks labour constantly and sometimes disastrously with the conflict in proprietary ownership between the interests of shareholders and high-earning employees. At Goldman Sachs there is no such conflict. At senior level they are one and the same thing; the spoils of the capital markets are for the benefit entirely of employees.

Worse, as a public company the firm might hare into some madeap and ultimately destructive mega-merger. Indeed this is the reason Jon Corzine, chief executive officer, gives for doing it - keeping up with the lone-ses of Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and Salomon, all of which have done a big deal of some sort over the past couple of years. This is the fashion right now, but is it the right way forward? As likely as not, these new financial behemoths will be unmanageable and 10 years down the line they will be seen to have failed. The growth business

will be that of dismantling them.

partners won't do it. In fact, it is overwhelmingly likely they will. Here's why. Partners have voted on flotation half a dozen times before, but in the past the pro-flotation lobby has always failed. This is largely because relatively new partners - those of two to four years duration - have voted with the decent, honest stalwarts of Goldman Sachs, those who believe partnership be a privilege and honour, a stewardship to be passed like a baton down the generations. The moral argument here is that the firm's present value is the result of 130 years of history, by what right do the present partners run off with all those gains?

In the past, that moral argument has been supported by the economies. New partners generally have to borrow the capital required to buy into the firm and it has traditionally taken them many years of sharing in the partnership's profits to pay it back. It hasn't made sense for those in negative equity to vote for flotation. However, so speciacular have been the returns in recent years that even the most junior partners may be close to paying off their capital. Furthermore, the bull market has caused the value of that equity to rise spectacularly. Goldman Sachs may be worth perhaps as much as four times its \$6bn of capital. On that basis, Mr Corzine alone would be worth \$800m, so it's a nobrainer for him: stuff future generations.

But even the newest class of partner might be valued at \$60m apiece. Even at present inflated rates of return, it is going to take him/her many years to get to that sort of figure under the partner-None of this means the Goldman Sachs ship structure of ownership. In the mean-

time there's the very real risk he might be. A tired format they said, up against strong fired. So it's a no-brainer for this class of partner too. The marzipan level of those who just failed to win partnership less time round - the so called "managing directors lite" - are going to be none too pleased. but where else are these people going to get the \$5m to \$10m each in appeasement money the partnership plans for them? It may not be right for present partners to be selling future generations of Goldman Sachs employees down the river like this, but think about it. What would you do?

#### Argos deserves another chance

IT HAS been a long hard battle between GUS and Argos and all the signs are that GUS will win the day. The share prices tell us so and the stockbroking community is convinced that Lord Wolfson has victory in his sights. Even so, the vote may be closer than many suppose, and rightly so.

The case for GUS is straightforward enough. It is offering 650p in cash, a figure Argos shareholders might only have dreamt of a few months ago. Argos has new management which may look promising but is as yet untried. Moreover, any strategy dreamed up on the hoof under pressure from a bid is likely to be flawed.

But think back a little in stock market history. There are any number of precedents for suggested Argos should be given a crack at independence, it seemed like only yesterday that everyone was consigning Woolworths to the knacker's yard.

competition. Profits have since doubled.

And WH Smith, another high street name being written off only 18 months ago. is slowly but surely on its way back. Argos may look tired now and yes, its major markets like toys, jewellery and electricals are under attack from the likes of lays R Us, Signet and Dixons, But then they said that about Woolies and the supermarkets in 1995.

The second point is that this is not a once in a lifetime opportunity for Argos shareholders. If Smart Rose and his team mess up after being given a chance, another hidder will undoubtedly arrive. GUS may even return.

All of which makes this a a tricky call for shareholders. And particularly so for Jim Cox, head of Schroders Investment Management, Argus's largest shareholder. With a different hat, Schroders is also Argos's main merchant bank adviser. Ten years ago there would not have been any question which way Mr Cox would swing - vote with the firm, old boy. Things are different now and it is just as possible Mr Cox would chose to demonstrate his independence by voting against the management. Investors should back Argos, but they probably won't.

#### A clever ploy by Thomson

DID YOU know that Thomson is knocking 10 per cent off holiday prices for everyone who buys shares in next month's flotation? Get away, as they say in those irrhaning Lumn Poly ads. The brain is rarely the muscle most actively used on a Thomson boliday and its Canadian owners must be hoping the same rule applies when investors fill in their share application forms.

At first glance, the proposition looks too good to be true, the product, in fact. of one too many sangrias. For the average family holiday costing £1,230, the perk is worth £122 - almost enough to pay for the parking at Gatwick and still have enough to buy a stuffed donkey. Put another way, if the flotation attracts half a million retail investors and the average shareholder takes the spouse plus kiddy away for a fortnight in the sun once a year. that means Thomson will be discounting the price of one in three holidays.

Like all travel brochures, however, it is worth examining the small print of the Thomson prospectus, Investors will have to apply for £500 worth of shares and then hold on to those shares to qualify for the discount. What's more, the reduction is only off the brochure price. If Thomson begins to feel the squeeze, it can simply raise brochure prices for those shareholders who have become a captive market and discount like mad for everyone else. Not that Thomson reckons it will be a money-loser, since the hols in question will be marketed direct, cutting out the travel agent and thereby recouping at least half the reduction in revenue.

Clever, eh? Since it is clever management investors should really be looking for in a company, not perks. Thomson is obviously worth going for, but expect to get trampled in the rush.

# Goldman floats \$5m sweeteners

By Lea Paterson

MORE THAN 200 middle managers at Goldman Sachs could each receive a "consolation prize" of up to \$5m (£3m) if plans to float the US investment bank are approved by its partnership in June, according to banking sources.

The windfalls would be an attempt to compensate the so-called "marzipan, layer" of management, who would miss: out on the chance to attain the financially lucrative status of partner if the bank were to decide on a flotation.

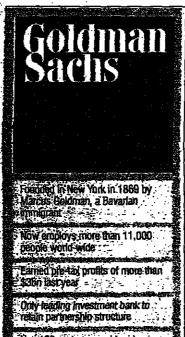
But the \$5m payouts earmarked for Goldman's middle managers - also: known as managing directors - start to look rather measly when compared with the likely flotation windfalls for the bank's top brass.

Even Goldman's most junior partners stand to gain a minimum of \$60m each if the bank abandons its 130-yeard partnership structure. Jon Corzine, the bank's chairman and chief executive, is estimated to own 4 per cent of the hank's capital, and could net as much as \$800m from the float.

Around 40 of Goldman's partners are based in London, including Gavyn Davies, the leading UK economist who has close ties with the Labour Party, and Peter Sutherland, formerly an European trade commissioner and now chairman of Goldman Sachs International, the bank's European arm. A further 40 managing directors are based in the UK.

The likely scale of the payouts is believed to be one of the key reasons why the issue of flotation has been raised for the seventh time in the firm's history. The bank is expected to carry a price tag of £12bn - double the amount it was estimated to be worth the last time flotaan was discussed in 1996.

At the time, Mr Corzine ruled out a bank's annual meeting revealed a substantial majority of the bank's partners were against such a move. No formal vote was taken on the issue. Junior partners were said to be particularly opposed to any plans to go public, which would have left them relatively short-changed com-



pared with the bank's old hands. It was also feared flotation could destroy Goldman's corporate culture, and worries about the divisive effects of floration could also scupper plans to go public this time round.

Partnership is valued at \$22bn

The partnership is revered by many at the bank. Goldman has said the structure "has created cohesion, loyalty and commitment in a notoriously volatile and competitive industry. The prospect of partnership provides a powerful incentive for the world's leading professionals to dedicate their careers to Goldman Sachs and the firm's clients".

Indeed, at the 1986 annual meeting flotation after informal discussions at the there were reports of partners shedding tears as they described the "mystique" of the bank's partnership structure to the assembled audience.

So why do many sector watchers believe that, this time round, the partners could endorse flotation of the bank? First, Goldman Sachs has been

doing extraordinarily well - last year, the bank made a pre-tax profit of more than \$3bn, a jump of 16 per cent. This means the capital accounts of new partners are looking considerably more healthy than they did back in 1996. Second, the last two years have seen

a remarkable increase in bank valuations. When Goldman Sachs was mulling over the issue of flotation in 1996, analysts reckoned the bank could trade at a maximum of 1.5-times book value, putting a value on the partnership of up to \$10bn. Now, the recent surge in banking stocks has prompted analysts to put a price tag on the bank of three to four-times book value - around \$20bn.

When taken together with the bumper earnings the bank has enjoyed of late, sources estimate even the most junior partners stand to net \$60m. Back in 1996, sources reckoned new partners stood to gain "just" \$10m and that Mr Corzine would net up to \$250m.

Third, the environment has changed markedly since 1996. Last year saw mergers between Morgan Stanley and Dean Witter as well as between Travelers and Salomon Brothers. More recently, there has been a series of banking mega-mergers in the US - including Citicorp's £100bn marriage with Travelers.

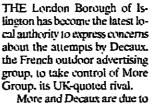
Although most analysts still class Goldman as "top tier" - last year it scooped a variety of prestigious awards, including the IFR's award for derivatives house of the year - there is a significant and growing minority who believe the bank is hanging on by the skin of its teeth. Flotation and possible merger would give Goldman, in the view of one analyst, "the critical mass it needs to compete with Salomons and Morgan Stanley".

Goldman is trying to play down mounting speculation that its partnership will discuss - and possibly vote on the issue of flotation during its annual meeting on 12 June. The firm has pointed out that the agenda for this meeting has not yet been finalised. "We continue to emphasise that there are no plans to go public," said a spokesperson. Outlook, this page



### **Protest** over ads merger proposal

By Peter Thai Larsen



make presentations to the council today in a pitch to win a multi-million-pound contract to provide bus sheiters.

The contract is held by LT-Adshel, a joint venture between More Group and London Transport. But the council decided to put the contract out to tender. Decaux is the only other bidder.

A spokesman said the council was very unhappy about the prospect of Decaux's £475m eash bid for More succeeding. The Office of Fair Trading is considering whether it should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

"We are very concerned about this," the spokesman said. "We ask for competitive tenders in order to get the best possible price. It's no good as a market tester if there's only one company in it." A combination of Decaux

and More Group would control more than 90 per cent of the UK market for street furniture - the bus shelters, street lavatories and waste paper baskets normally supplied under contract. Decaux and More usually provide these for a reduced price and make their revenues by selling advertising on them.

Decaux argues that street furniture is just a subsector of the overall market for outdoor advertising. The combined companies would control 24 per cent of the outdoor advertising market in the UK.

### Matalan sales on track ahead of £200m float

MATALAN, the out of town clothing retailer seeking a £20 m stock market floration, published its pathfinder prospectus yesterday showing that trading in the first quarter was "on budget" and that profitability was ahead of expectations. The group, which specialises in low priced own-label and branded clothing said sales over Easter were particularly encouraging. Like-for-like sales rose by 7 per cent last year and operating profits rose from £7.5m to £14m. The full prospectus will be issued on 7 May. Investment column, page 24

#### Travelers profits soar

TRAVELERS, the financial services group which recently announced a mammoth \$120hn merger with banking group Citicorp yesterday announced record first quarter earnings. The group's net income for the three months to 31 March was \$1,093bn, up from \$815.1m the previous year. The figures were boosted by a record figures from the insurance division and a 22 per cent increase in earnings from Salomon Smith Barney, the investment bank.

### Millennium bug warning

ONE IN SIX British companies will miss the deadline for converting their computer systems to deal with the millennium timebomb, a new research report claims today. The report, by the computer services group Cap Gemini, puts the cost of fixing the Year 2000 problem at \$717bn for Europe and the US but says that to date only \$199bn of this has been spent. The UK has spent just over a quarter of its \$50bn millennium bug budget and the US 31 per cent. The least well prepared country is Germany, where 74 per cent of organisations could miss the deadline. In contrast only 1 per cent of French organisations are likely to fail to act in time.

### Pay deals down, says CSI

PAY settlements declined slightly in March, according to a Confederation of British Industry survey vesterday. In manufacturing, settlements averaged 3.7 per cent in the three months to March. down a shade from 3.8 per cent in the three months to December. In services the corresponding figures were 4.1 per cent and 4.4 per cent. The survey joins other anecdotal evidence suggesting that pay pressures are no longer on the increase, ahead of official earnings figures published tomorrow.

### Fewer men working

FEWER men are in work today than at the start of the jobs recovery in 1993, according to a report published today. "Economic inactivity" amongst men of working age has soured from 0.8 million in 1979 to 2.3 million last year - a jump from 5 per cent to 13 per cent. The Employment Policy Institute says the switch from the claimant count measure of unemployment to an international measure based on a survey of those looking for work, to be introduced in official figures due tomorrow, will still miss all these hidden jobless.

### IMI businesses sold

IMI, the engineering group, yesterday sold its waterheating businesses to Newmond, the privately owned building products group. for £20m. The businesses include brand names including Range. Santon, Rycroft, Andrews Water Heaters and Dreh in the UK. Newmond was a management buyout out from fire and security group Williams in 1996.

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COMPANIES do not under normal circumstances entertain analysts unless they have a particularly cheerful tale to unfold. So why should Wickes, with a calendar year end, decide to meet the City's retail experts on Friday?

After all, the company. with a sad history of disastrous black holes, is due to make a trading statement to shareholders tomorrow. All the signs are the long years' of when losses of more than £300m were incurred, have do-it-yourself practitioner.

There is little doubt tobe encouraging and, on Friday, modest headway. analysts will enjoy an upbeat investment presentation al-

unremarkable new concept. sticking to its builders base, is

a £6.5m loss although its underlying domestic operation made profits of more than £14m. The consensus for this year's out-turn would appear to be overall profits of £22m.

Wickes shares edged ahead Ip to 340.5p. A far cry from the disaster days when they were suspended after a £30m profits over-statement, prompting the price to drop to 133.5p from a 858.5p peak.

The rest of the stock market managed to end its post been put firmly behind the Easter blues with Footsie, at one time up 71.1 points, ending with a 31.9 gain at 5,954.1. morrow's trading review will Supporting indices made EMI, the showbiz group,

led the blue chip advance though the theme will be an although the rally was due to the feeling the shares were It seems Wickes, although over sold rather than any expectations of corporate action. edging nearer to challenging The shares, down 15 per cent the more do-it-yourself in the past month, gained approach of B&Q and Home- 24.5p to 490p. Last year they

15p to 597p and DFS Furni- investigation. ture, reporting tomorrow, pulled out of its spin to gain

23.5p to 329p. But JJB Sport, also reporting tomorrow, remained deep in the mire. The shares fell 36.5p to 502.5p after touching 499p.

Figures are expected to be

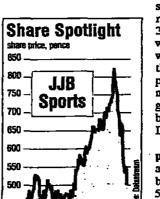
encouraging. It is trading in the current year which perplexes the market. It should be good. After all, the summertime World Cup should represent a bonanza for the likes of JJB. But many in the market feel JJB will be forced to admit to a dramatic current year slowdown in sales as, despite the World Cup, the sports retailing sector encounters belated. but possibly justified, con-

sumer resistance. British Biotech ended 2.5p lower at 56.5p. The shares were at one time down 9p. Sentiment was ruffled by confirmation of the dismissal Andrew Millar, head of re-

Tesco, figures today, rose search, and a US Securities to completing its revised

Stories of developments at Allied Domecq once again went the rounds. This time it was a Japanese swallow of its pubs estate. Allied has now had a year to get used to the idea of the power of Diageo, the Grand Metropolitan /Guinness creation, and the

market feels it must be near



A pubs sell-off looks unlikely ... a spirits deal with an international group such as Seagram seems a more realistic possibility. The shares rose 11.5p to 621.5p.

Highland Distillers, the

Famous Grouse Scotch whisky group closely related to Remy Cointreau of France, has started to intrigue. The shares rose 12p to 308.5p, up from 261p last month. A closer link with the French group is always likely. But Highland is, thanks to its associate companies, its own master and many are taking the view the group could achieve significant benefits in the now dominated Diageo spirits world.

Home Counties Newspapers jumped 107.5p to 552.5p after a bid battle broke out between Southnews, offering 575p, and Johnston Press, which has to contend with a Monopolies and Mergers TAKING STOCK

Thorn continued to reflect

bid hopes, gaining 8.5p to

213.5p. A strike by the

reclusive Barclay twins at

around 225p remains the mar-

ket's favourite outcome. Cour-

tanids, the chemical group,

ended vague hopes of a repeat

of the encounter with Imper-

ial Chemical Industries, by

agreeing a £1.8bn offer from

the Dutch Akzo Nobel. The

12.5p to 102.5p although it said

it had no knowledge of any

to suffer from lack of corpo-

rate action. Perpetual, the

fund manager, fell another

142.5p to 3,885p on chairman

Martyn Arbid's declaration

he has no intention of sub-

Arm, the computer chip

maker, followed Friday's

eventful launch with a 45p gain

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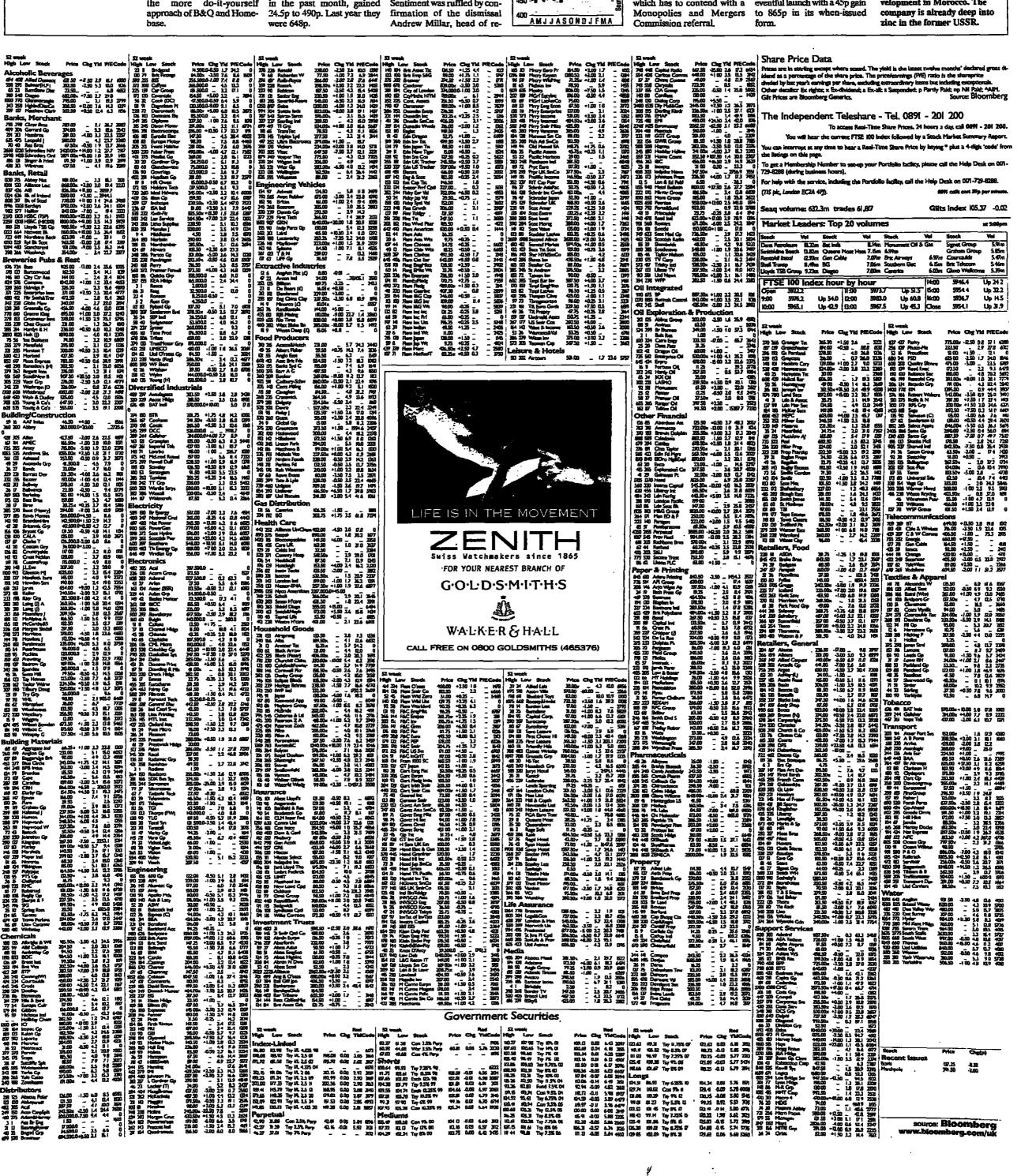
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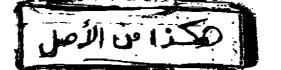
CORPORATE action could he about to error at Oucens Most Houses, the heavily indebted hotel group, The shares, which have attracted increasingly positive analytical comment, climbed 1.75p to 28.25p, highest for around two years. QMH has negative net worth - around £140m. So a reconstruction is essential. With trading improving the dominant banks are likely to seek to put the company on a more realistic footing.

MICE (Museum Interiors Conferences and Exhibitions) rose 0.75p to 17.25p, jast below its peak, after a 39 per profits gain to £1.7m. Around £2.25m is the forecast for this year from stockbroker Beeson Gregory. It is on the look out for suitable buys and an overseas deal, taking advantage of

**ENNEX** International rose 1.25p to 31.25p. It has signed a joint venture for a zinc development in Morocco. The company is already deep into zinc in the former USSR.

the pound, is in the pipeline.





# How will the 21st century cope when savers become spenders?



HAMISH **MCRAE** ON WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BABY **BOOMERS START** DRAWING THEIR PENSIONS NEW century, new investment strategy? People make jukes about the short-termism of financial markets; for example that in most dealers view the long term means after lunch. But the proximity of the mitlennium and the neat symmetry of this century in investment terms has provoked a lot of thought about the principles of investment in the next one.

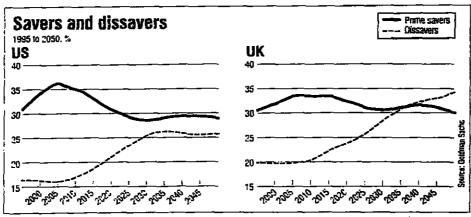
The symmetry is perhaps the best starting point. One hundred years ago there was virtually no inflation, a state to which the world is only just returning now. There were enormous crosshorder flows in portfolio investment, just as now. Securities markets, rather than banks, were particularly important as a form of financial intermediation. again just as at present.

Unsurprisingly, people have started to wonder whether some of the guiding principles of investment a century ago, in particular that equities should deliver a higher dividend yield than the interest available on bonds, should start to apply again. This would only apply were the next century to see a long period of price stability or even falling prices, but that does now seem a clear possibility in a way that it didn't even three or four years ago.

force which will dominate investment patterns during the next century about which we can be even more confident than we This is the impact of demography on the pattern of saving and dissaving - the subject of a new research paper from Goldman Sachs: "Asset Management in the 21st century; New Rules. New Game".

The big idea here is that an ageing population will turn the present big group of people saving for their retirement into diswar baby boomers from savers to spenders is a phenomenon that many people are vaguely aware of, but I have not seen a systematic examination yet of the numbers involved.

Goldman classifies the age The first is the influence that not be sharp falls in asset prices. more demanding.



group of 40 to 60 as prime savers and the over 65s as prime dissavers. They then show how the proportion of these are changing in a series of different countries. The results for the US and UK are shown here. The US figures are interesting in that the peak of the prime savers is not reached until 2006, while the peak of the prime dissavers comes in 2037. But at least the lines do not cross.

In the UK there is a plateau in the proportion of prime savers from 2006 to about 2016, but the more notable feature of the graph is of course the fact that about the year 2036 the number of dissavers overtakes the savers.

Other things being equal There is, however, another (and of course we know that they are not) this would suggest a continuing flood of funds into all sorts of assets for the first quarter of the next century. can about the end of inflation. and then a gradual sucking out of funds for the second quarter.

Goldman sees this in terms of the implications for the financial services industry. For example it argues that savers will become more and more demanding: that there will be greater emphasis on the branding of pension and other savings products; that there will be consolidation of the pensions insavers. drawing down their dustry; and that in Japan a more pensions. This shift of the post-vital and open financial services industry will be created.

> I don't disagree with any of this, but it seems to me that there are two other big influences on the whole investment game which demand thought,

these demographic trends will have on asset prices and the return on assets; the second, the extent to which behaviour will change once it becomes clear the extent to which demographic shifts are altering society.

On the first, the general

proposition much surely be that we will have another generation of generally strong asset prices and a tendency for returns on assets to decline. There are only a limited number of investment opportunities in the world. Of course anyone can think up projects which cost money, but they have to deliver a reasonable real rate of return. The flood of money from the generation of prime savers will tend to drive up all asset prices. but it will by the same token tend to cut the return on those assets. Company X does not make any higher profits because its shares have been bid up by hungry purchasers. If dividends stay the same and the share

shares will fall. The same will happen to the return on bonds. On the other hand, a plentiful supply of savings will tend to encourage world growth. It will be possible to get projects financed: it will be possible to raise funds for venture capital ideas. For another couple of decades the motor of economic growth, a solid supply of savings, will continue to power the world economy. Now that does not mean

that in the short-term there will

price rises you do not have to

have an A level in maths to re-

alise that the return on the

There will be lots of bumps on the way. But it does create a window of opportunity to prepare for the leaner times to come. While it may seem ridiculous to worry about the shortage of savings in the year 2040, anyone starting out now on a career should be aware that is precisely when they will be starting to draw their pensions.

Or will they? Whenever you see a graph like that one on the right you have to question the presumption behind it. The numbers will be right enough. I expect birth rates to creep upwards over the next two decades and therefore the number of 40 to 60-year-olds not to fall quite so much, but it is hard to quarrel with the line for the over-65s. Barring somedreadful catastrophe, the army of the aged will carry growing.

But will these people still be savers and dissavers? Maybe the next generation of retirees will not retire abruptly at 60 or 65, but carry on working into their seventies. Maybe they will not be dissavers at all. Maybe inheritance and income tax structures will be changed to keep older people in work. Maybe the whole concept of a state-supported retirement age - effectively an invention of Bismarck, for heaven's sake -will

be dumped. Meanwhile, the message is "keep saving", and if people heed that, the great flood of liquidity now evident will presumably carry on flowing for another couple of decades. If so, the growing problem of where to park the cash will only get

### PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

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THE STORY so far. A nasty local wrangle has developed over the five-a-side football pitch Noel Gallagher (I gather he is a pop star M'lud) has built behind his £2m country mansion in Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, After denying rumours he would buy a seat on the board of his club. Man City, Gallagher decided he'd build his own pitch, complete with floodlights, so Liam, Bonehead and friends could celebrate the World Cup into the night.

In paroxysms of anger, wealthy neighbours have written three letters of bitter complaint to Chiltern District Council. They claim Gallagher's plan for six floodlights, each towering 8 metres above the pitch, will be unsightly and disturbing. The letters allege they will "give the impression of alien urbanisation and visual intrusion in the landscape". What's more, they may be illegal in an area of outstanding natural beauty, the letters say.

So just who are these spoil sport neighbours? Just next door, sharing road access with the Oasis star, is none other than Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glazo Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals giant. But no. surely not. Either way, I think we should be told. If all else fails he can always turn up the sound on Oasis's Don't Look Back in Anger, which at one point goes: "Don't you know you might find/ A better place to play?".

STICKING with footy, things could get personal at the City Ground in Nottingham next Sunday when Nottingham Forest take on Reading. The match is a crunch decider in the Nationwide First Division. If Forest win they are almost certain to go up to the Premiership, condemning Reading to Division Three in the process.

This could make the post-match drinks a bit tense in the director's box afterwards. The reason is that Phil Soar, the former Blenheim Exhibitions chief who now runs Forest and John Majeweski. Reading's chairman and millionaire publisher, live in the same street in Pangbourne, Berks. I am told they are unlikely to be sharing a car on the way home.

THE BBC's top dogs are not normally known

for their flambovance - but licre's an exception. The corporation's commercial arm, BBC Worldwide, has hired a top BT man with a thespian bent to be its managing director.

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Rupert Gavin, who until 1 July is BT's MD of communications, will be seeking to boost the £354m in revenues enjoyed by the Beeb's sales abroad. Mr Gavin certainly manages to juggle the jobs. The BBC boosts that he HWOILlights as a "successful commercial songwriter" - though it is unable to say what he has written. No matter, Mr Gavin has proven dramatic credentials as the owner of a theatre company called West End Theatre Production. The company recently won an Olicier Award for entertainment for one of its latest productions, called Snow Show.

Determined not to be outdone. BT has bagged the chief of Coca-Cola. Neville Isdell. chairman and chief executive designate, will become a non-executive director on the board of the telecoms giant. Helen Alexan-der, chief executive of The Economist Group since January last year, will also be a neddy.

NEWS arrives from Hong Kong of a murky bribes-for-loans trial involving a former top dog at Hong Kong Shanghai Bank. After wrestling for five years to have the defendant extradited from Britain, Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption is prosecuting the former chief executive of HSBC's merchant banking arm, which was known until 1995 as Wardley Ltd.

The banker was discovered in Britain in 1993, more than 10 years after the alleged offences. He is charged with bribe-taking between October 1980 and June 1982 in return for granting credit to the Eda and Carrian groups of companies. According to the prosecution, the defendant took bribes worth HK\$31.95m (over £2.5m) from George Tan, head of the Carrian Group, which became Hong Kong's largest ever bankruptcy case in 1985. Mr Tan, now 63, is expected to be a key witness against the defendant. The prosecution has prepared 50 boxes of files and documents and the trial is expected to last for months.

The banker fought extradition "every inch of the way", according to the prosecution. The defence claims be fears execution. The banker has been given bail, but his passport has been impounded. His rather unfortunate name? Ewan Launder.

AT HOME. The men responsible for those ugly coloured jackets that fill City streets at lunchtime, the board of London's futures and options exchange, have locked themselves away in a desperate bid to resolve their own futures. The men are the directors of Liffe, which has been besieged by criticism after losing business to a rival bourse in Frankfurt. Deutsche Terminborse, which has got into electronic trading. The board has already decided to shrink itself from 24 to 18 posts, anddirectors will be disqualified if they become members of the Exchange. The board have now cloistered themselves for two days at a hotel in a secret location in London to ducide whether the exchange should become a public company. Good luck boys.

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# . A feast of honours for the food industry

Over 100 firms from distillers to vets are recognised today. By Roger Trapp

THE STRONG POUND may tional books to almost every he playing havoc with many British companies seeking to sell products and services overseas. but others continue to live up to the UK's exporting heritage. And today 115 of these companies - from a wide range of sectors and geographical locations - receive Queen's Awards for Export Achievement.

The awards - made to mark the Queen's personal birthday - are held in conjunction with those for technological and environmental achievement, which means 133 are being presented this year - a total roughly in line with the past two years but significantly lower than the figures for earlier years. Perhaps in keeping with

Britain's improving culinary reputation, no fewer than 10 of the export awards have gone to food and drink concerns, including such renowned names as Scotch whisky producers Macallan Distillers; William Grant & Sons and Morrison Bowmore Distillers, the Glasgow-based operation owned by Suntory of Japan; cider maker HP Bulmer and WW Bellamy, a Manchester-based bakery that is selling muffins, crumpets and pancakes to France and other mainland European countries through introducing techniques to improve the products shelf life.

Britain's status as a seat of learning is also given credit with awards to Cussons Technology, a Manchester-based company that specialises in educational technology; the Universities of England Consortium for International Activities (Unecia), which represents a group of 10 north of England and Midlands universities and helps them to transfer around the world consultancy services, technical assistance and research and training in such areas as education, health and social and economic development, and the Cambridge University Press, which - besides being the oldest winner of an award this year exports academic and educa— the-range shoes.

country in the world.

However, more mainstream industries are also represented. Rover Group, now owned by BMW of Germany, received a first export award despite a history going back to the early days of the motor industry, while aero-engine maker Rolls-Royce has collected an award in each of the export, technological and environmental achievement categories, largely for work connected with the development of the Trent engines being used to power the latest generation of twin-jet aircraft: the Airbus A330 and the Boeing 777. Aston Martin Lagonda, now owned by Ford Motor Company of the United States, follows up the export award won in 1984 with a prize recognising the quadrupling of

Meanwhile, those seeking to emphasise Britain's reputation in the "cooler" industries, such as fashion and information technology, will find much to encourage them. As well as a first award for Vivienne Westwood, the well-known fashion designer, there are awards for ADČ Metrica, a US-owned company that provides software for mobile telecommunications market and and Cambridge Animation Systems, a producer of software for the creation of animated cartoons.

exports in the past three years.

The list of 115 export, 14 technological and four environmental achievement award winners also includes plenty of unusual businesses such as Abbeyvet Export, which in five vears has become Britain's largest international veterinary products wholesaler. Special prizes for ingenuity, though, should go to Nauticalia, a west London-based company that has spent the past two decades designing and selling artefacts made from brass, teak, cork and rope to reflect the British maritime tradition, while Ward Shoes of Sheffield has found a market overseas for end-of-



# Old ones are the best for export growth

THE carpet company which commissioned Vivienne Westwood to design haute couture in Wilton and Axminster has won its first Queen's Award for Exports in its 215-year history. Axminster was under the 6th generation of the Brinton family (the eighth is now expected) when Ms Westwood was asked to give a new image to the then rather mundane business of flooring in 1993. Since then, Brintons' export busi-

ness has boomed by 50 per cent and - probably a coincidence - Ms Westwood's company, Vivienne Westwood Ltd, has also won its first export award at the same time.

Although Ms Westwood's compamy is in only its sixth year of trading. her longevity in her trade helps to nail the lie that Britain's success is largely due to young, hip, thrusting companies gathering under the "Cool Britannia" banner. A quarter of all the 115 companies which have won export awards are 50 years old and older, and a third are 30 or more years old. They may be old, but when it comes to spotting a niche or capitalising on a good name, they need no instruction in new tricks.

Sixty-four-year-old bakers WW Bellamy, of Trafford Park, Manchesler, is exporting pancakes and other delicacies to France, while Corney & Barrow Broker Services, a subsidiary of the company founded in 1780, is now re-exporting fine and rare wines, mostly from France and many which have never left its cellars, back to countries including France.

Brintons, which started exporting in 1855, employs 2,000 people and occupies the wool-producing capacity of 3.3 million sheep every year, having 6.6 million kg spun into yarn at its factory in Telford. This makes it the biggest user of British wool, taking 12 per cent of all the country's sheep can provide. Last year it won the largest contract for woven carpet ever awarded, fitting out the new Hong Kong Airport with 35 acres of carpet, designed by [Norman] Foster Associates, at an overall cost of £6.5m. The increasing tendency of business to want carpet commissioned to its own design has account-

ed for the huge export growth.

"The market growth is due to our ability to handle custom design and scrvice," said Brintons' spokesman Michael Hardiman, who has been with the company for 34 years. "We have 1,500 design inquiries a month from hotels chains, casinos and airports, which our designers work on. Half our production is now custom-designed carpet and the design is much more sophisticated: the old motor-smash designs of the Sixties have gone and the trend now is the geometric designs, with small mouts."

Patterns are also reappearing in the home market (which is currently 75 per cent plain) and there is more emphasis on the "floorscape" as a dominant feature in rooms. Plain borders and inset rugs are booming, helping Brintons turnover to nearly £100m.

A foray into the market for blankets to keep air passengers warm be-gan as just another commercial avenue for John Horsfall & Sons, which has been making blankets in Greetland, Halifax, for 135 years. John Benson, then managing director of the family-owned company (now run by the 5th generation, his son Peter), had been unaware that the demand for bed blankets would plummet under assault from the duvet. But in under 20 years, airlines have become John Horsfall's leading customers, taking more than

90 per cent of the production run. BA is the company's biggest customer, but its export customers include American Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Qantas, and it supplies 50 airlines in all.

The oldest concern to win an award is Cambridge University Press (established 1534). The Dudson Group of Stoke-on-Trent celebrates its 200th birthday at the millennium and is still supplying vitrified and fine china tableware. Griffin Woodhouse, makers of mooring and fendering systems, is aged 138 and winning its third export award at Cradley Heath, in the West Midlands. Scottish & Newcastle Brewery is 249, Bulmers Cider 111, Cussons Technology (educational technology connected with internal combustion engines) 126, Macallan Distillers 155 and William Grant & Sons 101.

### Combining to conquer technology markets

THE IMPORTANCE of collaboration in achieving technological breakthroughs is demonstrated by the fact four of the 14 companies recognised in the technological achievement awards are partners.

BBC Research and Development gained an award with Snell & Wilcox for the development of a device that overcomes judder and "soft" pictures while the Institute of Laryngology and Otology at University College London and Otodynamics of Hatfield. Hertfordshire teamed up to develop the "echo" test that detects hearing deficiencies in babies. The test works by emitting a sound into the ear and a healthy haby sends out a distorted copy of the

sound while a deaf baby does not. Another medical development won the Image Division of Nycomed Amersham an award for Myoview, which provides information of the working of the heart muście. Myoview is a pharmaceutical formulation containing tetrofosmin, a non-radioactive material with a long shelf-life that enables heart tests to be conducted in one rather than the usual two days.

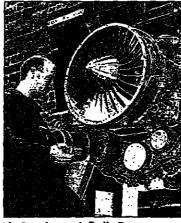
Satellites also accounted for two awards, with Advent Communications of Buckinghamshire winning for the development of a motorised mobile satellite newsgathering terminal, while Surrey Satellite Technology of Surrey University's Surrey Space Centre gained an award for the development of modular satellites that

are low in cost and weight. Technology also features strongly in the environmental achievement awards. Energy Technology & Control is rewarded for a system that enables energy conservation and the reduction of harmful emissions from combustion processes in industrial boilers, while Rolls-Royce completes its hat-trick with a combustion chamber for jet engines that reduces the emission of polluting gases. - Roger Trapp

### Triple crown for high-flying **Rolls-Royce** By Martin Whitfield

ROLLS-ROYCE swept the board with Queen's Awards in all three categories, export, technology and envi-

The awards - to three separate divisions of the Derby-based company ~ are recognition of the company's growing strength in the market for advanced jet engines. Last year. Rolls-Rovce gained a record 34 per cent market share against its US rivals. General Electric and Pratt & Whitney. Colin Green, director of operations,



Turbo-charged: Rolls-Royce won awards in all categories

said technology was at the heart of the all the company's products. "The design principle that lies behind the development of Rolls-Royce aero engines is a mixture of innovation and experience."

The order-book at Rolls-Royce stands at £10.1bn (another record) and the widespread market for aero engines has meant that the company has not faced quite the same problem with a strong pound as many exporters. The price of aircraft engines is usually in US dollars, against which the pound's appreciation has not been as great as European currencies. Firm demand in North America and Europe has also helped counter the deferrals of orders from the Far East. New orders from Delta and American Airlines for engines have replaced deferrals from Singapore Airlines, for example.

The Trent 800, the engine used to power Boeing 777s and Trent 700, used on the Airbus A330, have been the main factors behind the export success. Between 1994 and 1996, all Trent deliveries were export achievements. The Trent 500, selected to power the new Airbus A340, has already been ordered for more than 100 aircraft for delivery in the next millennium.

The company's technology award is also focused on the Trent 800 and the development of gas-turbine technology which allows the engine to be used on short high-altitude runways on hot days as well as achieve extra general efficiency to raise maximum range and payload.

The engine is a derivative of the RB211, used originally in the Lockheed Tristar which delivered 40,000lhs of thrust. At 92,000lbs, the Trent 800 has more than double the power.

Rolls-Royce says the technological developments allow this greater power to be harnessed while giving users extra fuel savings at the same time. Fuel savings and lower harmful ex-

haust emissions gained Rolls-Royce its third award for environmental achievement. Specifically, the award relates to the production of a combustion chamber for jet engines, which is claimed to give the lowest emissions of all the world's large aircraft engines.

At a time of increasing concern over the damage done to the ozone layer by aera engine emissions, the development of cleaner engines has become a major priority for all manufacturers.

Funding support for the project also came from the DTI and the MoD. The relatively simple fuel injection of the so-called Phase 5 combuster is said to deliver better results than the more complex systems under development by competitors.

The technology behind the new combuster will benefit all Rolls-Rowce engines and produces 40 per cent less nitrous oxide (NOx) when fitted to engines typically used on a Boeing 747. In reality, this means a reduction of 140 tons of NOx per 747 per year on a regular run between London and New York and a reduction of 1.155 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2).

#### The Queen's Award for **Export Achievement**

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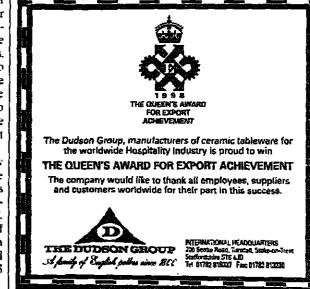
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# Rusedski to face Becker revival

By John Roberts m Florite Carlo

GREG RUSEDSKI'S first appearance at the Monte Carlo Open may coincide with Boris Becker's last, depending on the outcome of their second-round match tomorrow and the former Wimbledon champion's willingness to extend his playing cureer beyond this season of semi-relitement,

Becker, 30, whose principal role nowadays is manager and mentor of Germany's rising Davis Cup players ("I don't see myself as a tennis player any more. I'm a tennis coach"). defeated Rusedski in their two previous matches in 1996, in five sets in the first round of the Australian Open and in straight sets indoors in Stuttgart.

It was put to Becker that Rusedski, the British No 1, the world No 5, and the No 3 seed at the \$2,45m (£1,46m) event here, has developed into a different player since they last too," Becker replied, smiling. "Already then I could see that where he is right now. He is one of the best serve and volley players around. I hope he gives me victory. I'm just happy to be

serves and he's not returning all my serves, and we can have an entertaining match."

On this occasion the common denominator is the clay court, which is not the preferred surface of either player. None of Becker's 49 singles titles was won on the slow, red stuff, al-Monte Carlo finals (in 1989, '91 and 95). A wild card entry this time, the 66th-ranked Becker made an impressive recovery in his first-round match vesterday. defeating the Dutchman Jan Siemerink, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

"On any other surface. Rusedski reaches finals and wins tournaments, so he has the same problem I used to have." Becker said, smiling again, "His biggest weapon is his serve. The clay court sort of slows everything down. That gives me a chance."

Becker said he only asked for a wild card here as part of his priority to keep himself fit for the Davis Cun. Germany's next tie is against Sweden, the holdplayed. I'm a different player, ers. in Germany in July. "I don't plan further than that," he said. "I'm here to enjoy myself he had all the potential to be and to give a good performance. At this stage, I'm not thinking about the tournament

a chance to return a few of his alive here after the first round and hope to give my next op-ponent a good match."

If Becker finds that he is no longer able to give a decent ac-count of himself, he will put away his rackets as far as tournament play is concerned. "I'm not going to make a fool out of myself." he said. "I'm not going though he has contested three to embarrass myself on the court losing 6-2, 6-1. I'm involved with the German tennis federation, plus I have a numher of other business interests which I follow. It's my sixth tournament since Wimbledon last year, so you can imagine that I'm not a full-time professional any more.

> Regarding Wimbledon this year, Becker remains Mr One Percent, the chance he gives himself of returning to play at the All England Club. "I just believe in never saving never."

Tim Henman's first-footing on the Monte Carlo clay will be today, when he faces the difficult prospect of a first round match against Galo Blanco, a Spanish qualifier who was a quarter-finalist at the French Open last year, losing to the Australian Pat Rafter, Blanco, although ranked 44 places below Henman at No 59, is a natural clay-courter who has worked himself into match



Boris Becker plays a forehand volley in his three-set defeat of lan Siemerink in the first round of the Monte Carlo Open yesterday Photograph: Lionel Cironneau/AP

qualifying tournament. The most impressive per-

formance on the opening day came from Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, whose attacking play

toughness through last week's dismantled the Spaniard Felix Mantilla, 6-1, 6-4. Kiefer, one of the reasons why Becker is so enthusiastic about his Davis Cup role, said he was fresh for the match after spending the

whole of last week practising at the Monte Carlo Country Davis, who had been 6-5 down

Results, Digest, page 31 | against the world No 215.

Club, "while all the other guys played straight after Davis to Bedford yesterday before

Basketball

finals on 2 and 3 May.

The fate of Manchester Giants' American duo of Michael 91-80 victory made them only

New and Steve McGlothin is the second eighth-placed club in the hands of Morris in league history to oust the

winning five successive frames the main tour next season." he

Davis shows

Snooker

STEVE DAVIS smoothly

steered his way into the last 16

of the Embassy World Champi-

onship in Sheffield yesterday,

beating Simon Bedford, a 22-

year-old qualifier. Bedford put up

Crucible Theatre debut, but

eventually lost 10-6 to the six-

At 40, Davis is the oldest

ing up his cue. "I'd like to be re-

snooker," he said after guaran-

players in the rankings for a

record 19th successive season.

that I'd love to achieve half what

he's achieved in terms of age.

Crucible when I'm 50 and even

just pot one ball that would be

nice. I might even smile," added

Davis, whose namesake Fred

Fred did not retire until he

was 78 so the younger Davis -

no relation - has a good few

years left in him. "I'd like to

have Fred's outlook," added

died last Wednesday.

"It struck me last week while

"If I can come back to the

times world champion.

commendable show on his ter-finals.

garded as the Jack Nicklaus of into your heart.

competitor in the 32-man field you're playing with someone

but he has no intention of hang- else's arm. As soon as some says

teeing his place in the top 16 who is going to play snooker.

watching him in the US Masters mugs these days anyway."

When he went ahead 6-5,

Bedford looked well equipped

to inflict a humiliating defeat on

a legend. Instead. Davis con-

ceded only 66 points in the next

five frames. He now meets the

Masters champion. Mark

Williams, or Quinten Hann of

Australia for a place in the quar-

times I come here, these first

round games are always the

worst," he added. "It feels like

April and Sheffield it strikes fear

Simon acquitted himself very

well and didn't play like some

so lowly ranked. There are no

Bedford, playing his 10th

match of the competition at his

fourth different venue, said af-

ter his defeat. "If Steve maintains

the rhythm he showed towards

the end, he'll be hard to beat. I

thought I might win easily at

in the United Kingdom Tour

event at Newcastle under Lyme

last night but decided to with-

sides I've already qualified for

"I think I deserve a rest. Be-

draw from the competition.

Bedford was due to compete

6-5 but he came back well."

To recommend it to anyone

'It doesn't matter how many

ketball Association. New and McGlothin were elected from the Giants' 93-86 home defeat against Leopards

bench to join an on-court row. The Wembley date hardly appeared an issue at the time, but Giants then won twice on Leopards' own court. Sunday's

New and McGlothin will not reach the 10-point mark and an

automatic ban unless the EBA

josde

increases the punishment. Giants will play Peugeot Bullets Birmingham in the first semi at Wembley, followed by holders Exide London Towers

against Thames Valley Tigers. Mims earned his award after Leopards became the first club in six years to defend the league championship successfully.

### Medallist tells court of systematic doping by East Germany

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AN OLYMPIC bronze medallist swimmer became the first East German athlete to testify about the former communist nation's doping programme in court in Berlin yesterday, saying she and others were pressured to take and two doctors are charged steroids.

Christiane Knacke-Sommer. now 36, said she became aware that the pills coaches started giving her at age 15 were steroids. but that her efforts to resist were growth, excessive body hair or

overridden by the coaches' insistence. They told her simply that the pills were meant to improve endurance, she testified. "We had to take them in

front of [our trainer]. We were told that it would make our training easier to take." she said. Four East German coaches

with harming 19 swimmers, teenagers at the time, by giving them anabolic steroids. The 19 women now suffer from such side-effects as disturbed muscle

a deepened voice. Knacke-Sommer testified that her voice became deeper and her less hairier following a regimen of pills and injections starting in 1977. However, court was closed for testimony dealing with the hormonal and sexual effects of the alleged

steroid programme.

Knacke-Sommer, who won ber bronze in the 100 meters butterfly in 1980, said swimmers old enough for competition-level training were given pills daily in cups. She said they were never shown the pills' original packing. 56.

Prosecutors say they have evidence that the coaches and doctors knew the health risks of the steroids, but nevertheless administered them under a statesponsored push to create world champions. Prosecutors a must prove a link between the teroids and health problems.

The defendants are the coaches Rolf Glaeser, 58, Volker Frischke, 53, Dieter Lindemann, 46, and Dieter Krause, 50; and two doctors, Dieter Bienus, 59, and Bernd Pansold,

### TODAY'S

NUMBER

The number of goals the Velez Sarsfield goalkeeper, Jose Luis Chilavert, has scored in the past week. The Paraguay captain, who scored in a midweek match in which he also saved a penalty, put the Argentinian league leaders on the way to a 6-1 win over Colon.

### Awards provide some consolation for Leopards

By Richard Taylor

GREATER London Leopards' Billy Mims and Eric Burks consoled themselves with the Budweiser League's Coach and Player of the Year awards yesterday, while two of the players who dumped them out of the play-offs will hear today whether they can play in the Wembley

Wordsworth, the disciplinary champions from the play-offs. chairman of the English Bas-

in the first leg of the quarterfinals, after leaving the team

# PHLIPS



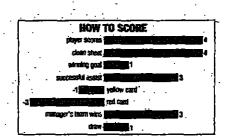
Today we publish the results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The league table includes all scores up to APRIL 15th. The player list includes scores from all games played until April 15th. Neither set of scores includes results from the FA Cup. The overall winner at the end of the season will win a pair of tickets to the World Cup finals

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal. i.e.: if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 ous point awarded in addition to standard goal related points Each successful Assist, a pass judged by our experts to lead our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and lowing Sunday in the Independent on Sunday. starting a game will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

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# Gosden backs French transfer

By John Cobb

THE DECISION by Sheikh. Mohammed to switch part of his Godolphin operation to France been back in this country, we've has been under consideration got 10 years to get it right besince last autumn as part of a fore the Millenium to restruccontinued rationalisation proden said yesterday.

He described the transfer of up to 100 two-year-olds to Evry out of another business. Fine, under the care of David Loder worthy people whoever they are, as a shrewd move and the right I don't think we need that.

had warned the House of Commons Alf-Party Racing Com- work flat out at it and not have mittee of such a development 16 other directorships. I think soon after the Sheikh threatened a withdrawal from British racing in his speech at the Gimcrack dinner in December.

Gosden, a key adviser to the Sheikh, repeated his plea for the Government to carry out reforms to ensure owners receive a better return on their racing Britain at a pre-eminent level investments. He also spelled out why he is backing Peter Savill to become the next chairman of

rather than a newcomer to the up with something the equivasport such as the former banker Sir William Purves. "I've been saying since I've

gramme, his trainer John Gos- don't think we've got time for someone to go through a twoyear learning curve who's retired

We need people who have Gosden reported that he the inside knowledge and who that point was made in the Gimcrack speech."

Gosden was speaking at a lunch to mark Saturday's Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

Referring to the Government, he said: "I think if they wish to see racing remain in then there is an incentive for the Government to do something.

"If they don't have a care and the British Horseracing Board, don't give a damn and we wind

lent of second-, third-division quality rather than the big league then that's their wish." Gosden believes that Godol-

phin will be able to exploit the RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Magical Colours (Folkestone 5.30)

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less competitive programme of two-year-old races in France but that its best young horses will continue to travel over to Britain for key races.

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good one to develop horses ing is a highly international business now. It was parochial 15 years ago, it's not anymore, mandab the best of his eight

French two-year-old racing is not population [of Sheikh Mo- Sandown on Friday. hammed) has been rationalised "David Loder is the perfect guy for the job. He particularfor the last six years and it will probably continue. Like a lot of He has a real passion for it. He's through that time overgrew themselves. Certainly through and it knows no boundaries. continued rationalisation."

Gosden's attempt to win a fifth Sandown Classic Trial on meeting. Gosden plans to saddle Muhtathir in the Group with Pollen Count. True Hero. Derby winner Benny The Dip finished second last year.

ev Club is the more likely longterm target for Muhtathir, who chased home the Derby favourite Single Empire in the rain, I just hope it isn't too Prix des Chenes at Longchamp. much," he said.

Instead, Gosden rates the Nottingham maiden winner Al-"The maroon and white Derby entries. He runs at

However, the recent wet weather could cause the abandonment of the meeting. Exbusinesses in the Eighties it ex- ecutives at Sandown admitted ploded, and a lot of businesses vesterday that unexpected downpours on Sunday night which yielded three quarters of the Nineties there has been a an inch of rain have left the Flat course unraceable.

As a result, an all steeplechase card or a programme Saturday may be thwarted by featuring only two Flat events the weather which threatens the on the sprint track might be prepared unless there is a significant break in the pattern of Three event which he has won. April showers. The running of the £130,000 Whitbread Gold Linney Head and Santillana Cup is unlikely to be hindered and in which his subsequent even by what the clerk of the course describes as "the softest jumping ground for the race for However, the Prix du Jock- at least five or six years".

"We desperately need a couple of dry days but even the most optimistic forecast predicts Racing's futures market Whitbread Gold Cup Handicap Chase (3m 5f) SALEG GO BALLSTIC J DS:ea 9 ft t) ....... M Fizzgerald 14-1 14-1 12-: 18-1 TP: COOL DANN RACE 10 11 8 ...... A Thornton 4-1" 7-2" 7-2" 5-2" SATISF COURT MELODY (C) P Nicols (1 0 H \_ \_ \_ T Murphy 12-1 14-1 12-1 14-1 P. P.C.L. YORKSHIRE GALE (G) ! Gilloc C D T ..... 25-1 25-1 14-1 16-1 226F2 CALL IT A DAY D National 8 To D. . . . . A Maguire 8-1 TA1 11-1 9-1 6-2331 SCOTTON BANKS T Easterly 8 27 \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ L Wyer | 16-1 | 25-1 | 25-1 | 25-1 | 25-1 | 26-E LIVELY KNIGHT J Gross 9 (15 ..... 1 Aspel) 14-1 (5-1 16-1 20-1 7.035 SAMEDE (CD) P Hoods 9 10 1 ..... 141 141 141 141 16-1 5-5634 57 MELLION FAIRWAY P Webber 9 to .. \_ \_ \_ 10-1 14-1 16-1 14-1 FLERS4 AARDWOLF (C) C Brooks 7 9 11 \_ \_\_\_\_ 25-1 25-1 25-1 40-1 33-; 1-374 CARBOO GOLD K 52/6y 9 9 11 ...... 9-1 9-1 9-1 6-1 7-1 225145 TELL THE MPPER M Houman (m) 799 ...... 16-1 W-1 12-1 NA1 22305P DECYBORG M Ppe 7 6 7 - 26 declared - 55-1 100-1 55-1 100-1 - with a new Microsom weight. Not, Earthwest is quarter the coasts, places, 1, 2, 3, 4, Gardoum, Saurresyl

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HYPERION 4.20 Taffs Well 4.50 Palaemon 5.20 PRIME TIME GIRL (nap)

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Mick Easterby doesn't make too many mistakes when he runs, one quickly after a good effort. Bee Health Boy will like the ground and has the same apprentice aboard after last week is three-quarters accord to Salasinnes Boy at Ripom [5] with Willichten Refurb well back in 11th. Mango Park is best at this trip and won at Newcastle last time from Knoty Hill and Just Bob, with Size Mile-besten, six lengths into tousth and now 6th better off because of Mungo Park's [6] Park is to a weak nandicap but he still has to dely a big weight and the runner to take the syle is PANTHER, who has changed stables and well-handscapped on his best form, Parifier will like the ground and could not them all down now that he meets Mungo Park on vary Issourable terms compared to them all down now that he meets Mungo Park on very terdurable terms compared to last seeson. Sue Me ran fest on the etendes elde at Thirsk on Saturday when night to Swino. But he may not be good enough to reverse the Newcastle form with Mungo Park. Time To Fly has garned five wing on the el-weether and shouldn't be tar away off this much lower turl rating. Henry The Hawk is another well handicapped sprinter who should like this suffit course having won at Cartisle and Hamilton.

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t	-60004	THE WYANDOTTE INN (22) (D) (Mrs A Senders) R Hodges 4 97 Amende Senders 2
Ħ	06000-	CHARLTON SPRING (218) (D) (R.: Hodges) R Hodges 492
2	00	DUBLA! MURSE (57) (John A Scrath) A Dicken 492
13	30550P	HOLLOWAY MELODY (12) (Mrs Ritz Gibson) B McMahon 592
ŭ	300-26	JUNIOR MUFFIN (18) (J Berry) J Berry 3 8 10 P Feesey (5) 4
5	6-6660	SHIRA-A (53) (K.S.Lee) M Polobse 3.8 10
-		CUSTO IES BRIDE (Brightform Record Portnership) J.J. (Med. 3.8.5

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Octor pinged home by eight lengths from Eton Ledger on his reappearance at Notangham (8i) and was then second over the minimum to The Fugative at Fokestone. That writer is pretty decient, and Octor was giving eway 6b so the form is sold. Pine Ridge Lad could be hard to beat from the inside stall. He was over longer trips than this, but the drop clich't stop the stable's Castigner Lady at Thirsk on Saturday, and staying may again to the order of the day here with Pine Ridge Lad. Birchimod Son has a low draw and seems to do his very best when with Jason Wester. Second to Winte Settler over seven furlongs at Leocetter 12 days ago, he has a real chance back over a more suitable trip. But the tip is lack Berry's younger JUNIOR MULFFIN, a dual winner as a juvenile and sure to take some besting after a second to Dande Times on the all-weather and he sluth of 13 to Cape Hope at Leocette, insider Trader and The Frisky Fermer hold a fitness advantage over Deneben, while Awesome Venture should also figure in the hands of and hardward Roberts.

Selection: JUNIOR MULFFIN

3.20 BEAST FAIR MEDIAN ALICTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £3,750 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,789

	E) LONGO GOOGG OTO THE CT OFFICE POPULATION
8	CAPTAINS LOG (14) (Consciptor Whight) M Bell 90
0-4	COURT SHAREEF (19) (Derek & Cheryl Holder) R Dicker 9 0
686D-	DA BOSS (209) (R Hern) W Mur 9 D
00	PRINCIPLED (13) (M J Paver) M Britain 9 0 J Carroll 10 B
D-	RICHMOND HILL (201) (See Al) B196 90
	SANDIA POINT (Emest Bernett) J Gover 9 0
0	STRUNGERS (25) U.S. Caherti, S. Kettevel 9 0
	TEOURLA (Raul G S Street L Currant 9 0
5-	TEROCAL (181) (Shelith Ahmeri Al Makkoum) A Stewart 90
0-5	GUEST ENVOY (18) (Newstarker Connections Ltd) C Allen 8 9
	MARLENE (Sheet & Roll Convenors Ltd) M Ciramon 8 9
0-4	MISS BUSSELL (52) (W.) Gredov) 8 Hills 89
	- 12 dactared -

3.50 BUTTERCROSS LIMITED STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £5,576

65CSTI	PROTOCOL (12) (U) (P LEMYREN) MS 5 LEMYREN 48 TJ	
23000-	GENEROUS LERA (187) (Natic Said) J Duntop 4 8 8 K Durley 3	
81100-	ROKEEY BOWL (187) (CD) (Paul Mellon)   Baiding 698	
-01200-	TYRCEYVOR (205) (D) (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) Lady Hernes 8.9 6 G Duffield 2	
·- 1-	HIGH FUSE (165) (Shelith Michemmed Oberd Al Maldoum) 1. Cumon 3.87	
212	LERA STAR (UŚA) (24) (Lord Lloyd-Webber) J FitzGerald 3 B 7 M Roberts 7	
	ARCTIC AIR (178) (T A Scothern) E Waymes 3 8 2 J Cultur 6	
	CHRIM CHIMINEY (183) (N/ J Gredey) B Hits 3 8 2	
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BETTING: 3-1 High-Rise, 7-2 Chim Chimiany, 4-1 Libra Star, 5-1 Generous Libra, 6-1 Rokeby Bowl, 7-1 Tyteyror, 6-1 Protocol, 12-1 Arctic Atr.

197. Starton flamour (ISA) 3-6.7 Pet Edday 2-1 y fav (J Dunlop) drawn (I) 5 ran

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Berry Hista filly Chaim Chimiany should like this longer trip and she hendled the soft ground at York last October when beating Achitice a neck. Achilles was a winner at the opening Doncaster flowre, and Chim Chiminey should go close even though she ran a shocker on this course after York when sixth of eight to Craven Stakes Second Guidand, Preference is for the cold HIGH-RISE, who beat 17 rivats on his only Juvenile start, at Doncaster (7) last backend. Out of a High Libra mare, staying should be High-Rise's game. Protocol has twice won under a big weight in handleaps the season. His difficult to assess against the younger brigade, but he still looks highly tred giving weight to Rokeby Bowl, who was a higher-rated handleapper last season, though with two wins on faster ground than this. Generous Libra was with David Lode last season and was set some stiff tasks in hendicaps after the Beverley maiden win. Tykeyvor may need this first hun of the season and 12 fundings is more his trip. Libra Star is a fair sort who won on Equitach, and then second to a decent type in Scorned (winner again since at Kemplon) at Doncaster. Libra Star looks better than Arctic Air, a maiden winner at Art and considered good enough to be sent down to Newbury afterwards.

Selection: HIGH-RISE

4.20 49'S HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 1m Penalty Value £7,263 1990 - CAPTAIN SCOTT (234) (D) (The Write State Partnership) J Glover 4 8 to ... G Cactor 3 5633-1 MAGSC MBLI (8) (A S Scott) J L Eyre 5 8 (Seq.) ... T Williams 15 10200 - RHESNBOLD (168) (E Diver) T Emergion 4 9 5 ... A Cultimor 12 08-50 JUDICIAL SUPPREMACY (SZ) (W J Grodey) B Hills 4 9 4 ... M Hills 6

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10	66503-	BOLLIN FRANK (213) (D) (Se Vei Jestino - Estero) 5 6 6
n	0-22-0	CARMARTHEN BAY (21) (D) D F W. cost 5 Level (1556 G Duffield 7
2	050	ALLGRET (USA) (187) (Marter Al May not - E Donne 355 K Darley 17
1	2511-0	TIPPERARY SUNSET (19) (CD) (~2000 Etg. 11) Duty 4 is 1
14	2035-1	DISPOL DIAMOND (14) (D) (Mrs C Drevers) 3 Compt 5.5 7 P Fessey (3) 4
5		SANTA COURT (214) Deep & Chert Trace = Court 27 C

Ammuses weight: 7st 10to Time herotopp segut. Strat Stuff Str.

BETTING: 3-1 Margic Mill, 9-2 Taffs Well, 7-1 Dispot Dramond, Topperary Sunset, 6-1 Alignit, 12-1
Bottlin Frank, Grand Musica, 14-1 Band On The Rum, Judicial Supramacy, 16-1 Captain Scott. 201 Jed Knight, 25-1 Jeffery Anotherrod, Rheimbold, 49-1 Carmanther Bay, Santa Cruz
1897 Another Time 6-9-12 Dispos 7-1 (5 Woods) dram (7) Brite.

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TAFFS WELL could take the beating over this mile after two runs over six furlongs. He has given signs of coming good with the runs behald Atways Alight and Mallia, and this ex-Rieg Alverurs, trained geiding is on a decent hamfacap man. Dispot Diamond has a feather weight and also has the ground in her favour after the easy win from Diamong Destiny at Northingham. This is Bollin Frank's ground and this well handcapped gelding has an interesting partner in John Red Jedi Knight finance! best term with a win over 10 furlongs so could find this mae on the sharp side even with the cut in the ground. Captain Scott, a good fifth to Over To You in a hot took handcap last May, is from a stable having witners. A 5to penalty – plus the extra futlong – may find out Maglic Mill, whose ten-length win from Over To You up Newcastles straight seven furlongs could be suspect form. Judicial Supremency is an interesting maden kept in training by Sarry Hills, but Jeffrey Anotherraid hasn't shown that much since changing stables. Grand Musica is best witched after channing a blank last season and Allgrit would seem to face a stem test against older horses But Tipperary Sinces thesis ag field in the soft at Concester last backend and will be a threat after a warm-up outing over a storae; trip at Lacester 19 days ago.

4.50 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £3,493

1	37252	JAMARCAN FLIGHT (14) (BF) (F Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 5 to 0 C Teague (3)						
7	2 2000-0	TURGENEY (20) (Mrs Endger Transmer) = Sastimen 9.9 3						
:	3 52333-	PALASMON (JSD) (SF) (Mass E Switch) G Besting 4 8 6 S Dironne						
4	322-05	HIGHFIELD FIZZ (12) Mrs 2 J Taylor Carthwate) C Fastiurs: 6 7 12 L Charnock						
	00-003	SUN ALERT (USA) (14) (K S Lest M Polgase 47 to						
		- 5 declared -						
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Materian weight: 7st 10th True handscap weight: Sun Alert 7st 12th SETTING: 2-1 Palasmon, 9-4 Jamakota Right, 7-2 Turgenew, 6-1 Highfield Fizz, 8-1 Sun Alert. 1997: Great Cration & 8-4 N Connorton 16-1 (F Watson) drawn (6) 3 ran FORM GUIDE

a close third to Judina at Folkestone (vm 7f) to suggest she can take advantage of the weight concession with Jimmy Ownn booked. Jamaican Flight and Turgenev could be found out under their big Weights, but Palaemon Should relist the test after his hurdle.

5.20 SPRING MAIDEN FILLES 53,453 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £3,453 SPRING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000

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	BLUEBERRY PARKES (Joseph Helen) J Berry 6 tt
0-340P	ELLA FALLS (21) (Orns Cockorch) Miss J Craze 8 T
	MORGAN LE FAY (7) (Lord Portmack & Lizertan 5 Tl J Reld 3
0-	PRIME TIME GIRL (223) (J.C.Smith)   Balcing 6 Tr S.Whstworth 9
	SALLY'S DANCER (83) (Ats Sally Fields) 8 Nestation 8 11 L Newton 2 B
4224	SARAH STOKES (173) Marteus Sieschy and Rocky) R Guest 6 ft D Holland 7
02-	TORIANNA (USA) (241) (Darren & Armeley Yeas) IA Wate & T
	VARYKONO (T & J Vestey) J Fanstrawe 8 ft
	- 9 deciared -

BETTING: 2-1 Sarath Stokes, 3-1 Prime Time Girt, 11-2 Tortsmas, 13-2 no, 12-1 Blueberry Parkes, 14-1 Bay of Delight, 20-1 others 1997 Rosy Outlook (USA) 3 8 ft L Dettin 4-1 (I Saking) Chart (4) 7 ren FORM GUIDE

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SARAH STOKES and Darryll Holland look the bern this finale. Second to John Gosden's Escudo in soft going at Haydook on her second juvenile start, she wasn't disgraced afterwards on faster ground at Severiey and Nottingham. Tonisma, second to Pure Coincidence at Redcar in August, is on a much softer surface today, while Jack Berry's new-corner Blueberry Parkee's is probably best wasched. Bay Oil Delight is a likely improve, Prime Time Girl is from the stable that won this race last year, and Morgan Le Fay is now in a weaker maden after firesting unplaced behard Carabbean Morards at Newmarket a week ago. Varyldino is a Soviet Star newcomer from the stable that had a winner at Thirsk last Finday.

Selection, SARAH STOKES

2,000 Guineas Stakes (Im)						
Horse (Traner)	Coral	William HIQ	Lactorokes	Stantey	Total	
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King Of Kings (A P O Bres. M)	9-2	4-1	<u>4-1</u>	<u> 41 </u>		
Leng A Hand (M. Johnston)	10-1	10-1	12-1	12-1	12-1	
Central Park (P Cole)	76-1	16-1	14-1	16-1	16-1	
Fleetwood (H Cepi)	4:	16-1	_ <u>-</u> _	16-1	20-1	
Dangers Drawn (H Ce⊃)	25-1	25-1	25-1			
Haemi (J Dunico)	20-1	20-1	16-1	25-1	25-1	
Zaye (Saced bin Surcor)	25-1	25-1		25-1	25-1	
Almutawakel (Seeed bit) Surger)	25-1	33-1	25-1	25-1	<b>25-1</b>	
Tespot Row (J Toler)	25-1	33-1	33-1	33-1	33-1	

1,000 Guineas Stakes (im)						
Horse (Traner)	Corat	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Stanley	Tota	
Cape Verdi (Saeed bin Surcon)	3-1	5-2	5-2	3-1	11-4	
Loving Claim (Mrs C Head Fr)	5-1	5-1	9-2	11-2	9-2	
Embassy (Seeed bin Surger)	12-1	16-1	12-1	9-1	10-1	
Jibe (H Cecil)	<b>B</b> -1	10-1	16-1	12-1	<b>1</b>	
Cloud Castle (C Britain)	12-1	14-1	2-1	11-1	12:1	
Explusive (N. Stoute)	14-1	14-1	10-1	14-1	10-1	
Asingakat (J Durlop)	16-1	14-1	14-1	16-1	16-1	
Daunting Lady (R Harnon)	20-1	14-1	20-1	<b>16</b> -1	15-1	
Crezee Mental (D Haytin Jones)	33-1	33-1	_	<b>25-1</b>	33-1	
Shimoose (Saeed bin Surcor)	33-1	<b>35-1</b>		2(-1	2	
Tarascon (T Stack, irl)	20-1	25-1	20-1	33-1	20-1	
Each-way a quarter the o	dds. places, 1,	2.3 (Newmer	res, Sumateu, 3	Мау		

Oaks Stakes (Im 4f)					
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Stanley	Tota
Cape Verdi (Saeed bin Suroor)	10-1	10-1	10-1	8-1	12-1
Cloud Castle (C British)	10-1	12-1	12-1	<b>1</b> 0-1	12-1
Bahs (J Durtop)	12-1	12-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Glorosia (i. Cumani)	12-1	14-1	<b>K</b> -1	14-1	12-1
Sibe (H Cecil)	14-1	14-1	<b>2</b> -1	14-1	2.
Loving Claim (Mrs C Head/Fr)	76-1	75-1	20-1	16-1	14-
Isle De France (A Fabre/Fr)	20-1	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-
La Nult Rose (Seeed bin Surpor)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-
Michaghi Line (H Ceci)	25-1	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Mercilless (Saeed on Suroof)	25-1	33-1		33-1	35
Each-way a quarte	r the odds, pla	ces. 1. 2. 3 (Fr	nday, 5 June)		_

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25-1	25-1	25-1	29-1	25
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3.30 Sharp Hint (nb) 4.00 Golden Melody 4.30 Fairy Knight 5.00 Big Ben 5.30 Magical Colours GOING: Soft (Heavy in places). STALLS: Round course - outside; Straight - stands ada DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 71 to 1m11/st.

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● FAVOURITES: 170-37 (345%).

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2.00 SANDLING SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2.500 added 2YO 5f 

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3.00 WALMER APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (F) (DIV II) \$3,000 3YO 7f

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3.30 BARHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £3,750 3YO 6F 

4.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 7f 92yds 1 2143- POLYPHONY (197) (BF) D O'Brien 4 10 0 ... W R Swinburn 8 2454- PARADISE NAVY (1-9) (CD) (BF) C Ciperron 9 9 10. Detrod 7 B 3 2040-3 SHILLING (21) Miss H Kinght 4 9 4 ... ... ... G Faulitines (5) 4 4 0500-1 JUCINDA (14) (CD) J Peerce 4 6 11 ... ... ... A Polit (5) 3 5 0000-0 PERTIENES MISSION (21) J Peerce 4 8 9 ... ... G Bardwell 6 0000- BLA AGAPI MOU (120) G L Micros 5 8 9 ... ... Cendry Morris 8 2504-2 (DOLDEN MISLODY (14) M Prestor-Ris 4 8 8 ... ... 7 Outro 9 2 2040-0 COH SHO NO (96) (CD) S 000-5 8 5 ... ... ... S Sanders 5 0000/ KUNGSFOLD PET (124) (CD) M Haynes 9 5 4 ... ... A Clark 2 -9 declared - 9 declared

~ 9 declared – SETTING: 5-2 Kingaloid Pet, 3-1 Jucinda, 7-2 Pandise Wavy, 4-1 Gold-to Melody, 8-1 Shilling, 10-1 Polyphony, 12-1 Ela Agapi Mou, 14 others 4.30 DOVER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 4f

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BETTING: 7-2 Fairy Knight, 4-1 Rear Window, 5-1 Bold Buster, 8-1 Anjou, May King Mayhem, 10-1 Stipstream, 12-1 Auenti Ekue, Danegold, 141 Drift, Little Cracker, 16-1 English Invades, 20-1 others

5.00 FOLKESTONE TOWN LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £3,750 added 6f 189yds - 8 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Big Bee, 7-2 Salty Jack, 9-2 Summer Queen, 11-2 Geniu 13-2 Arbenig, 10-1 Mutebari, 12-1 Barossa Valley

5.30 TIM FREEMAN HANDICAP (CLASS F) JULIURAS (14) J Durius 95 Pat Editor JUEN FAWNING (214) M Banshard 95 D Sweeney (5) 100-21 ASSPRANT DANCER (15) M Bel 8 3 R Mollen (4) 4 45:552 HEVER FOUND (4) 4 4 00321 ASPIRANT DANCER (15) M 6618 35
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6 0044 MESHEVMEW (22) C Berdsed 8 9 ...
7 0220 WEDGING BAND (173) D SCHOOLS 8 8 ...
8 0055 LOURIN LANE (183) A RESCORDE 58 6 ...
9 00400 ARGINENTATIVE (180) S DON 6 8 ...
10 04003 CHIKAL (14) B PRING 8 7
11 06005 DAWN TREADER (132) R Harmon 8 5 ...
6 050 CARL ASPIRANT (190) A PRING 18 5 ...

D 0-200-3 CHINAL (14) 9 Patry 8 7 T Sprake 8 1 05035 DAWN TREADER (132) 9 Hannon 8 5 Dane O'Nell 1 (2 60) CARLASANTA (190) A Navocrabe 8 3 P Murphy (3) 14 13 00-68 ARDLEIGH CHARMER (20) C Dwyer 8 2 M M Hanny 2 60-6 C OURAGE (INDER FIRE (24) 0 -students 8 1 C Ratter 5 (2 50-95) MARY LOU (14) M Charmon 7 13 Charmon 7 13 A Machay 12 95 (20) 14 M Charmon 7 13 Machay 12 14 Machay 12 15 declared 1 15 declared 1 15 declared 1 15 declared 1 16 Machay 12 16 Machay 12 16 Machay 12 16 Machay 12 17 Machandria (15) Machandria (16) Machandria (15) Machandria (16) Ma

4.40 REYNARD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E)

1: 2. James Dee 14-1: 3. Dolly Day Dream 10-1 11 ren. 4-1 for Mujant 11. 17: (W Mur. Lamboum), Total: \$110; \$150, \$210, \$220, \$120; \$1. DANDY REGENT (J Weaver) 8-12. Super Monarch 25-1, 3. Boater 4-1 fav. 4. Twin Creeks 15-2, 16 ran. 3 %, 17-0. (C Gyzer, Horsham). Totte: C380; 17-0. 53.0, 52.0, 52-20, 07-56-56-58. Thoast: £70744 Tho: \$13890. After stewards Tricss: £70744 Tro: £73890 After stewards inquiry, the result stood.
3.00: 1. RUSSIAN PARTY (M Roberts)
7-2; 2. Imperial Prince 10-1; 3. Sabhasan
1-8 fav 8 ran. 11/1, 11/1, IA Stewart. Newmarkett. Tote: £400: £130. £190. £

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2.10: 1. HENRY THE PROUD (P Fessey) 16-1; 2. Chi-Lin 25-1; 3. Kathles Pel 6-1 15

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16-1; 2. Chi-Lin 25-1; 3. Kathles Pei 6-1 15
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£75.0. 160 board forecast: £350.06. Tho:
£77.0. part won, pool of £95.12 to Pontefract 420 today
2.40: 1. GAV BREEZE f5 Carrel; 12-1.
2. Cartion 7-1; 3. Hever Gott Machine 251: 4. Grace 25-1: 20 ran. 5-2 fav White Settier 1 nk. (P Feligate, Lisbum; Tote: £1350;
£29.0. £150.0: £340 DF. £3770 CSF:
£28.65 Treast: £2037 M. The: £548.30 part
won, £51784 to Pontefract 4.20 today
3.10: 1. MONTENDRE (R Coctrane) 21 fav. 2. Étion Ladger 11-4, 3. Calandrelis 50-1.8 ran. ½, 1%, fill Hodges, Somerton)
Tota: £250; £10, £150; £720 DF: £390 CSF.
£596.
3.40: 1. FORGIE (N Day) 14-1; 2. Distamt
Storm 16-1; 3. Montecristo 7-1; 4. Totemt
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# Wales' 1972 side were not all-in wrestlers with a turn of speed



ON RUGBY

Cardiff in 1972. This was the self, the line-up was: match which Wales won 35-12 ner after his own kick ahead.

It was in black and white. For this reason Wales were wearing J Taylor. dark shorts, to set them apart from Scotland. In fact. Wales nothing to do with the require-

my television remote control made up the best Welsh side turn of speed. the other evening, I came upon ever. For the benefit of sentia replay of Wales v Scotland at mentalists, who include my-

J Williams: G Davies. R and in which Gareth Edwards Bergiers, A Lewis, J Bevan; B Young B Llewellyn D Thomas as if by magic. Thomas Cas-G Evans, D Morris, M Davies, taignède did so for France in G Evans, D Morris, M Davies,

What was striking about them was not only that they had used to wear navy blue shorts long hair but that they looked until 1949 (as Ireland used to more or less like normal memwear club stockings until about bers of the human race. So. I of the Scotland team likewise. Most of the players had solid citizens going about their

IDLY pressing the buttons of hair. They may or may not have all-in wrestlers endowed with a despite the high scores in the Cup but, as a spectacle, it was provided that they are attached they did not look especially thin.

The midfield players had and in club matches. more time and space than their successors would have today. There are certain players, admittedly, who can still acquire scored his famous try in the cor- John, G Edwards; J Lloyd, J these desirable commodities all are scored, can still be en-Wales Wembley debacle though on that day none of the of them: the struggle between other British Isles countries

would have stopped him either. Perhaps Barry John and Phil Bennett could do the same if the same time). But that had hasten to add, did the members they were miraculously restored to the field. Somehow I doubt in (according to my watch) exments of the television audience. Though there were numerous it. The game has changed: it is tra time, so providing a mirror a different game. It is, in my image of what Rob Andrew had huge sideboards and very long tasks, they did not appear to be opinion, a less attractive game, done to Australia in the World rubber or similar soft material, part of a harness. But to me and more dangerous still.

Saracens V Newcastle was not one of these high-scoring en-criticisms of referees' interpreeven those in which no tries at thralling occasions. A set-to hetween Bath and Wasps at the Rec a few seasons ago was one Saracens and Newcastle at Watford on Sunday was not.

It was exciting because the lead changed and Michael Lynagh dropped the winning goal

Five Nations' Championship a lot of big. strong, fit men to the body by adhesive tape and bumping into one another.

Last week I ended with some tation of the laws relating to men of the press are not, on the penalty tries and high or dangerous tackles. Today I should ing-rooms as they are in France. like to say something about protective clothing. The laws lay. down that players may not wear "shoulder pads of the harness type, braces or supports which include any rigid or reinforced were last in Wales I came upon so rough and so dangerous that material protective garments on François Pienaar minus his the laws should be modified to any part of the body except as in section (1)".

Turning to this section we find that players may wear "soft thin pads of cotton wool, sponge tell whether the pads were game would become rougher

are not sewn into the jersey, shorts or undergarments".

In this country the gentle-And a good thing, too. Players little allure for this columnist.

But when the South Africans jersey after a match. He was allow players of rugby union to certainly well padded up around . have at least as much protection the shoulders. I did not look as players of league - though the closely enough to be able to consequence might be that the

For that matter, what does "thin" mean? And why is sticky tage virtuous, but cotton tage vicious if it forms part of a bar-

ness? In reality the laws on the subject seem to be flowed regularly these days. Many players now take the field with shoulders that would not look out of place on Joan Collins in Dynasty. I cannot say I blame them.

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The professional game is now

# Experience is vital prop for England squad

England's rugby union coach, Clive Woodward, has a tough task in choosing his southern hemisphere tourists. Chris Hewett reports

scape appears to be changing by the nanosecond, but the tree of ample, mix it with Dean Ryan unless you have a death wish you fancy celebrating a victory once in a while. By the same tours New Zealand with a prepubescent squad full of pastyfaced wannabes.

the shell-suited stuffed shirts of give their eyeteeth for a long Dublin, the Irish tried it on last summer's rest and recuperation year and quickly found themselves being rucked and rumbled into the Tasman Sea, If Clive Woodward, the England coach, misreads the tea leaves that category and Woodward is and gambles on a develop- currently in diplomatic discusment-style party for this summer's five-match adventure in He should listen to their argu-All Black country, he will fly home with two dozen hospital cases on one side of the plane and very nearly as many basket giving tour in their history, cases on the other.

Given that England start without them. and end their sojourn with business trip is even less of a books. England last flew into the

deed. Woodward is faced with the most awkward tour selecknowledge still stands tall and tion to confront a national coach since Henry V picked his dents understand that certain line-up for Agincourt. On the behavioural principles will al- one hand, he needs to keep at ways apply; you do not, for ex- least some of his powder dry for next year's World Cup, and that means resting two shelland you do not join Bristol if shocked senior forwards, Martin Johnson and Jason Leonard. On the other, he must safeguard morale by fielding competitive sides in all seven tour matches.

> A significant number of experionced internationals would on the sun lounger: Kyran Bracken, Neil Back, Jeremy Guscott and, if truth be told. Lawrence Dallaglio all fall into sion with at least some of them. ments and nod sympathetically before handing them their flight tickets. Faced with the least for-England cannot afford to be

Should he need persuading one-off Tests against Australia of that fact, Woodward might and South Africa, next month's usefully consult the history

Chris Hewett's England selection

Full-backs: M Perry (Bath), T Stimpson (Newcastle); Wings: D Chapman (Richmond), A Healey (Leicester), B Johnson (Gloucester), D Rees (Sale); Centres: M Catt (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), W Greenwood (Leicester), J Guscott (Bath); Outside-halves: P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Wasps), M Mapletoft (Gloucester), J Wilkinson (Newcastle); Scrum-halves: K Bracken (Saracens), M Dawson (Northampton): Loose-head props: G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath); Hookers: G Chuter (Saracens), R Cockerill (Leicester), M Regan (Bath): Tight-head props: D Garforth (Leicester), W Green (Wasps), J Mallett (Bath), P Vickery (Gloucester); Second rows: G Archer (Newcastle), R Fidler (Gloucester), D Grewcock (Saracens), S Shaw (Wasps); Flankers: N Back (Leicester), L Dallaglio (Wasps), S Ojomoh (Gloucester), B Sturnham (Saracens), A Bennett (Saracens); No 8s: A Diprose (Saracens), D Rvan (Newcastle).

RUGBY'S once familiar land- laughing matter than usual; in- fires of New Zealand in 1985 and of the 26 players selected. only three, Paul Dodge, Huw Davies and Gary Pearce, had earned more than a dozen caps. As a result, they were badly beaten by Auckland, taken every inch of the way by three other provinces and were eventually battered, quite literally, to a record defeat by the Ali Blacks in Wellington. Thirteen years on, Wood-

ward has the not inconsiderable advantage of 10 more seats on the plane. A 36-man arrangement allows him room for experimentation within the broader framework of a solid. seasoned squad and he should consider packing his problem areas with options. If that means taking six props. rather than the more obvious five, so

He should travel with a clutch of outside-halves, too: Paul Grayson and Jonny Wilkinson are obvious first choices, but with Mark Mapletoft playing his best rugby at Gloucester and Alex King fully deserving of an opportunity to make up ground so unfortunately conceded to injury, why not take all four?

Woodward had initially planned to name his squad within a formight of the England-Ireland match at Twickenham and the passing of that self-imposed deadline indicates that one or two positions are giving him more than his fair share of grief. Loose-head prop. the sheet anchor of any side, is undoubtedly at the top of the "imponderables" list. Leonard's fatigue, Kevin Yates' continuing suspension and young Michael Worsley's seemingly endless injury hassles leave Graham Rowntree, the Leicester Lion, in splendid isolation.

Rowntree, an honest toiler. would be the first to agree that his performances this season have been one punch short of a fracas, so Woodward could do



There is a case for asking Bath's Victor Ubogu to switch to loose head for England.

far worse than ask the reinvehard, switch from tight to loose and help his adopted country in England and his scrummag-Grau, the arm-wrestling Saracen from Argentina, will

The open-side cupboard is

nated Victor Ubogu to swallow Richard Hill's painstaking recovery from back surgery. Alex Bennett, a club-mate of Hill's out of a hole. Ubogu remains at Saracens, might just fit the bill the most gifted footballing prop as Back's deputy but there is also a powerful argument for ing is on a high, as Roberto taking Steve Ojomoh, who covers all three breakaway positions and is now performing at some-

thing close to Test pitch. Faced with such itchy selecprobably spend the next few evenings locked in his study with only a pot of black coffee and company. One decision should not cost the coach a moment's sleep, however: the rehabilitation of Tim Stimpson as an international full-back is an

absolute priority. His sudden descent into Photograph: Dan Smith/Allsport

very nearly as bare, thanks to torial issues. Woodward will anonymity, the direct result of a contractual dispute with Newcastle, hastened the emergence of Matt Perry and the Bath a packet of charcoal biscuits for youngster is indeed the classiest of class acts. But England can ill afford the indefinite marginalisation of so rich a talent as Stimpson's, whose the next "couple of games" continued absence would be of no conceivable benefit to any-

### **Scotland** return to former captain

By Chris Hewett

THOSE long-suffering supporters of Scottish rugby who could not understand for the life of them why Rob Wainwright was stripped of the national captaincy before the start of the Five Nations' Championship can rest easy in their beds once again. The widely respected Lions flanker is back in charge for the tour of Fiji and Australia, which starts next mouth and includes three Tests in an eightmatch programme.

Wainwright, just turned 33, regathers the reins in the absence of Gary Armstrong, the Newcastle scrum-half, who has been granted a summer's rest. "It's always a huge honour to captain the national side and I'm looking forward to the challenge," said the Army doctor, who may now be tempted to postpone his retirement long enough to play in next year's World Cup.

The Scottish selectors named 33 tourists yesterday and will add two more, almost certainly a third scrum-half and a utility back, during the next couple of weeks. There is no room for either Damian Cronin or Paul Burnell, but four New Zealand-born exiles have been included in the first draft: Glenn Metcalfe, Shaun Longstaff, Cameron Mather and, intriguingly, Gordon Simpson, a flanker who has played only a handful of games for Kirkcaldy, a Second Division club.

"Simpson's fitness levels have improved dramatically and his knowledge of the game is outstanding," explained the Scottish coach, Jim Telfer. "He influences games and he has the sort of physical presence that makes an impact."

England, meanwhile, have drawn a line under years of senseless prevarication by giving Dave Alred, the world's leading kicking coach, an official Rugby Football Union contract taking him through to

next year's World Cup. Saracéns Allied Dunbar Premiership hopes have been hit with the news that François Pienaar has ruled himself out of with a hamstring injury sustained in Sunday's victory over

## Ferdinand and Le Tissier to play in England B team

GLENN HODDLE has included five players with full in- in the senior squad to face Porternational caps in the England B side for tonight's friendly with Russia at Loftus Road.

Matthew Le Tissier, Darren Anderton, Ian Walker, Les Ferdinand and Nick Barmby have already represented their country at senior level. Walker, Le-Tissier and Ferdinand all played in the World Cup defeat by Italy at Wembley 14 months ago which looked to have dashed

gentina in Dublin.

Keane, 17, who won his first

cap as a second-half substitute

in the 2-1 defeat by the Czech

Republic last month, will part-

ner Niall Quinn in attack.

England's hopes of automatic qualification for France 98.

Although Ferdinand and Walker were originally named tugal at Wembley tomorrow, Hoddle has decided that they will gain more from actually playing against the Russians.

Ferdinand, in particular, needs to get match-fit - the Tottenham striker's appearance at Barnsley on Saturday was only his first start since 7 February following groin and knee prob-

It will be Le Tissier's first in-

ternational appearance since the to a World Cup finals because Wembley and since then he has defeat by Italy, for which he was made the scapegoat.

The Southampton player has fought his way back to fitness after a foot problem and then a broken arm hindered his progress and always believed he would earn a recall.

He said: "From my point of view the door has never been closed on me - and that's the way I've always looked at it. I've just kept plugging away, and things have turned around. This is probably my most realistic chance of getting

Keane to make his mark in history books as he prepares to face Argentina

I will be past 33 in four years'

I know there are a couple of players in the squad of that with a place on the bench at age, but it's different to me in that they've been around a long time and have won a lot of caps. "You don't know how I will

be playing in 2002, but this time around is definitely my best chance of making it." Anderton's wait for an international return has been even longer. His last England

appearance was in the Euro 96

semi-final against Germany at

White Hart Lane. It is likely that Barmby and Ferdinand will play up front with the attacking flair behind them of Anderton, Sinclair and Le Tissier in an attack-minded 5-3-2 formation.

been constantly troubled by a

groin problem. At the moment

he is also having to be content

### not to raise hotline hopes

FOOTBALL supporters have been warned not to raise their expectations before the release of 110,000 World Cup tickets. The tickets for 55 first and second-round matches in France will be available through a telephone hotline from 0.700 BST

They will be sold on a first come first served basis and open to residents from 18 European countries. However, fans hoping to see England and Scotland's group games are likely to be disappointed. There will be no tickets on sale via the hotline forthe opening game between Scotland and the holders, Brazil.

"We are not expecting a great number of tickets for England games to be available," a Football Association spokesman said. "It's more likely that tickets will be available for games featuring countries with less support." The ticket hotline number is 0033-149-875-354.

### FA warns fans Heiner's hunch sets the pace

Sailing

By Stuart Alexander in Fort Lauderdale

A PRE-PLANED tactical gamble by the Dutchman Roy Heiner to take Brunel Sunergy a lot further to the east than the rest of the fleet was paying off handsomely vesterday as he established a 26-mile lead, 24 hours into the 870-mile, seventh leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

"We are concentrating on going fast and having a great time doing it," crewman Mike Joubert said. "We are trying a few things different on this leg, and it all seems to be going to plan. "Skipper Roy Heiner, navi-

gator Stuart Quarrie and guest hours contemplating the advantages of Gulf Stream versus favourable wind. How this will work out, only time will tell."

Yesterday afternoon the conditions were still working in Heiner's favour as he-sped downwind under spinnaker two

knots faster than the pack. Heiner's position some 79 miles to the east of the fleet, who were reaching in a north-westerly breeze, could also work well again if the wind moves into the north-east. That would give

to Baltimore's Chesapeake Bay. George Collins, desperate to sail Chessie Racing into her home port at the head of the fleet, led the conventional group playing the Gulf Stream. which flows northwards up the

Chessie led the fleet away. from the start in Fort Landerdale on Sunday, but held only a one-mile advantage over third-placed Knut Frostad's Innovation Kvaerner as the pack continued to average 12 to 14 star Fritz Kock have spent many knots, on schedule to finish to-

ROBBIE KEANE will become Ireland squad for tomorrow's Northern Ireland debut for the friendly with Switzerland at youngsters. the second-youngest player to will take over the captaincy Windsor Park, following the restart a full international for from Wimbledon's Kenny Cun-Michael Hughes, the Wimthe Republic of Ireland tomorningham, who is doubtful with currence of a groin strain. bledon winger, missed Northern row when his team face Ara groin injury. Manchester

His Maine Road team-mate United's Denis Irwin and Liv-Jim Whitley has also pulled out of the Under-21 match against erpool's Phil Babb are both likely to return to the Irish line-up. the Swiss at Lurgan today with Kevin Horlock, the Manan Achilles tendon problem. However, Maik Taylor, the Fulchester City midfielder, has withdrawn from the Northern ham goalkeeper will make his

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Ireland's first training session yesterday because of a migraine, but is expected to play. The Rangers striker Ally

McCoist has pulled out of the

Scotland B team because of a

ly Dodds (pelvic) have also withdrawn following injuries incurred in Sunday's 1-0 win

over Rangers. The loss of McCoist means Dunfermline's Andy Smith now looks certain to start the game against Norway Under-23s after scoring 25 goals this season thigh injury and Aberdeen pair for the struggling Fife club.

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title rivals Newcastle.

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coast at three to four knots.

morrow.

County Championship: Martin-Jenkins shows his mettle at Hove and Glamorgan triumph but Nottinghamshire suffer misfortune

# Victory a rare treat for Sussex members

Lancashire 266 & 68-0 dec Sussex 75-4 dec & 260-8 Sussex win by two wickets

returnto nite. The game's vulnerability to the weather has proved frustrating on countless occasions in the past, but yesterday the pain for the home supporters must have been exquisite.

Sussex were within 12 runs of a deserved victory when a saidden squally shower struck. By the time it had passed over and the groundstaff had restored order to the square they had been Martin-Jenkins, the Daily Telerobbed of 10 of the remaining 12 graph Cricket Correspondent overs and suddenly four days of Championship cricket had been reduced to a one-day finish. A dozen runs. It was unbearable to think that so little separated Sussex from their first County Championship victory at headquarters for 22 months.

Between them. Peter Moores and Jason Lewry took his legs sweeping at Keedy. half a dozen off the first of those however, did not stand on cerfour to see Sussex home with two balls to spare.

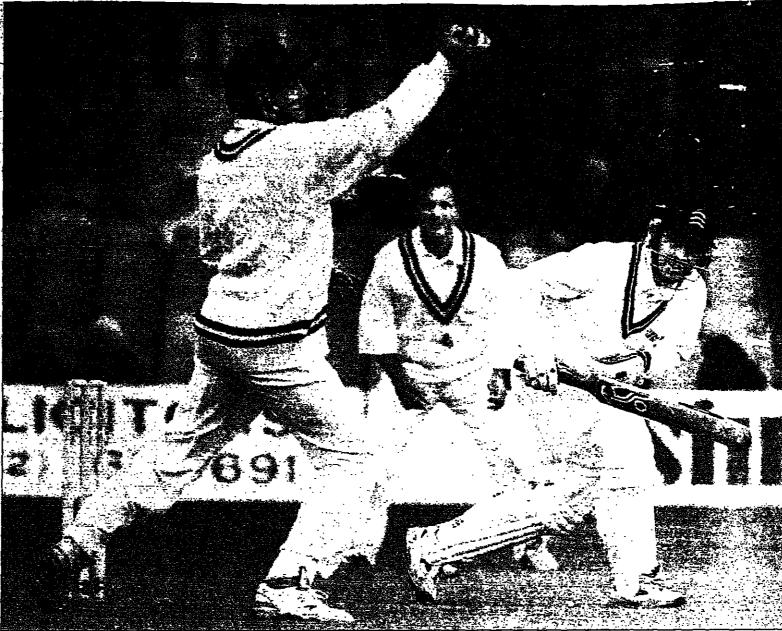
hard work earlier in the innings could have gone to waste. Keith Newell, with 52, and the inexperienced Robin Martin-Jenk-

fortable 121 for 5. Fancashire tails were up, they had just got rid of the opener Wasim Khan. whose near three-hour stay hadblocked their path. With him gone for 40, the way looked clear for a Lancashire win. Apart THE cruelty of cricket is infi-from Peter Moores, the rest of the batting had a decidedly temporary and raw look to it.

But if the name is a mouthful, the innings was a handful. Martin-Jenkins did not take too long to settle in and within half a dozen overs had overtaken Newell The interruption for tea did not put him off his stride. Watched from the Press box by his auxious father, Christopher and BBC Test Match Special commentator, the 22-year-old Durham University undergraduate worked his way without fuss, but with a degree of batting eloquence, to 63 off 91 balls - his highest first-class score - and helped Sussex to a winning position, before being bowled round

The finish had been set up two overs, but when Lewry was in no time at all. Sussex declared bowled by the slow left-armer on their overnight score, 191 Gary Keedy off the third ball of adrift of Lancashire's first inthe final over it looked grim for nings, a target of 260 off 88 the home side. James Kirtley, overs was agreed and Lancashire's openers, Michael emony, sweeping his first ball for Atherton and Nathan Wood were able to help themselves to runs in 15 minutes of Chris DERBYSHIRE, required to It was just as well - a lot of Adams and Rajesh Rao. Then the serious stuff began:

Adams played a captain's role in that he showed his usual aggression for 47 balls, in which ins had compiled a century time he scored 39, but, apart stand in the face of some ex- from the steady Wasim, there cellent bowling by Lancashire. had been little resistance from were wallowing at an uncom- came and did the business.



Justin Langer, Middlesex's Australian batsman, is caught by Kent's David Fulton for 44 at Canterbury yesterday

### Derbyshire benefit from Tolley's torrid time

at Derby

Derbyshire 388 & 43-4 Derbyshire win by six wickets

They began their rescue bid in the rest of the batting until hamshire came at a time when tain amount of short-prich bowlthe 46th over, when Sussex Newell and Martin-Jenkins they appeared to be saving the ing, and latterly Tolley matched ley was obliged to reappear decision to open himself.

Tolley damaged a calf muscle in completing the single and he was carried off after he of the new ball. Dominic Cork and Usman Afzaal had added seized the moment, ran in for-108 for the sixth wicket at which stage only 2' overs remained and Nottinghamshire were 11 runs ahead.

At that point, with the ball

coincided with the availability midably and when he took the wickets of Alex Wharf and Wayne Noon in one over - the latter some way from the rapid deliveries that had bowled him - Derbyshire must have sensed that they would make the most of their big break.

Afzaal could not manipulate experienced batsman might nave gone and in the end 101-

hamshire. Tolley's departure every ball was vital. Tolley survived only three, during which a single was added, before being athletically being picked up at slip by Vince Clarke, the substitute. The bowler was Phil De-

Freitas, who still had a part to play after Derbyshire lost three wickets with one run scored in the first two overs. With only seven runs an

over required, a more measured

game with some comfort. him almost stroke for stroke. with a runner. By now the last Kevin Evans and Mark keeper.

Unfortunately for Notting- 16 overs were in progress and Bowen simply bowled straight and awaited developments. Nottinghamshire looked like getting away with it but, with 30 wanted. DeFreitas eased the tension by lifting Evans for a massive six over the wide midon boundary. Another 10 runs were

required from the final over, debut, did the damage with also bowled by Evans. The first three balls each produced the twos that had always looked available on a big outthe strike in the way that a more approach would surely have field before DeFreitas edged tershire into a victory-chasing pobeen better than the belier- the penultimate ball for four ed territory behind the wicket-

> for 3 by the close. At Canterbury, Middlesex reached 146 for 5 in their ruinaffected match against Kent. with the Australian Test batsman Justin Langer making 44. Rain prevented any play on day three between Surrey and Northamptonshire at The Oval. while overnight rain at The Parks put paid to Oxford University's match with Hamp-

By Mike Carey

Nottinghamshire 18 & 312

make 43 from six overs, scrambled home by six wickets with one ball to spare here yesterday. Though it was a victory they had

moving around less than hitherto, Derbyshire's attack had thoroughly earned over the pre- ; started to look a little impotent. vious three days, it owed much - Afzaal's maiden undefeated to an injury to Chris Tolley century was a highly impressive which, cruelly for Notting- affair made in the face of a cer-

sions, were 27 for 5 in 11 ves, falling at 75 for 7 when overs. This was very much Steve tempted to cut a wider ball. Watkin land but again the principal damage was done by the junior partner, Darren Thomas. Not until captain Mark champion style. Sadly, these Allevne arrived were Glouces-

With 87 overs lost to the weather this represented a

Glamorgan two-day win, real performances say little for the technique of younger English batsmen in difficult conditions. What on earth would happen if and became the day's top scor- the covers were taken off?

### Gough going for opening victory

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MENACING seam bowling on a helpful pitch by Chris Silverwood, Paul Hutchison and Darren Googh left Yorkshire with the apparent formality of completing an opening County Championship win over Somerset at Headingley today.

Somerset, chasing 351 to win, were in tatters at 46 for 5 by the close yesterday with two players - Piran Holloway and Graham Rose - suffering from flu. Rose was feeling so unwell that he went back to the team hotel in the afternoon, although he was summoned back again after three wickets had crashed in the first four overs of Somerset's second innings.

Silverwood, with 2 for 12. and Gough (1 for 21) did the early damage and then Hutchison removed Rob Turner and Adrian Pierson in the same over. Earlier, Somerset avoided the follow-on when they were dismissed for 237 in their first innings, giving Yorkshire a lead of 146. In their second innings, Yorkshire's captain. David Byas, declared on 204 for 9, after he had produced the top score of 52, to set up the evening entertainment.

The former Sussex bowler Ed Giddins, making his firstclass debut for Warwickshire after his ban for drug abuse. claimed 6 for 89 as Durham were bowled out for 305 in their first innings at Edgbaston.

However, the home side were then dismissed for just 187. with their new captain. Brian Lara, contributing a mere 13. leaving Durham with a victory target of only 219 today. John Wood and the former Northumberland bowler Steve Harmison, on his Championship three wickets aniece.

Two former England men. Steve Rhodes and Richard Illingworth, helped put Worcessition against Essex at New turies to lift the home side to a total of 446 and a first-innings lead of 189. It left Essex with an uphill battle, which became even tougher when they slipped to 148

shire, with play abandoned without a ball being bowled.

#### Thomas revives champions after Lewis levels a wet playing field vesterday until 3.05pm, other- cloud had lifted and the sun re-106 for 1, a lead of 92, went into stronger, has been coached by needing 231 to win in four seser with some lusty pulls and dri-

By Derek Hodgson at Bristol

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Glamorgan: 236 &: 139 Gloucestershire 144 & 89 Glamorgan win by 141 runs

ALMOST every pundit called upon to assess Gloucestershire's credentials this season warned of a fallible batting order. It was just as well that play did not start

Cricket scoreboard

wise the champions might have turned the pitch livened and bebeen sipping their tea the far came a torment for batsmen. side of the Severn Bridge. Old stagers behind the arm Gloucestershire's second innings lasted 29.3 overs.

Nevil Road has absorbed much water in the past three weeks and while David Bridle's men have done wonders to get play started the damp was always lurking below. Once the resuming on the lofty height of Now he has filled out, looks was doomed. Gloucestershire,

were scornful of suggestions that it was a tabloid terror track but good seamers, and there are several in this match, were able to make the ball move lateral-

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place: K.E. Palmer and A.G.T. Whitshead.

YEORCESTER: Essex (4,016), with sauth second-innings elokets standing, trail Wordesterable (7) by 41 runs. Today 11.0. Wordespesture won toes

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Worcestershire v Essex

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Extras (bt. 6/8, 42, 1528) ....
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ting: Bets 2-0-15-1; Whoo 21-3-74-3; Harmi-17-3-74-3; Colingwood 4-1-13-2; Philips 1-0-

ly, swing late and win varying lift. So it was that Glamorgan,

dizzying decline, losing nine Bob Cottam and although still wickets in 80 balls in 70 minutes. cluding a spell of 5 for 8 in 25 hails, was a career-best. Lewis made a late start to by a fine low catch at second

Bowling: Shine 11-1-53-1; Cadack 11-2-33-4. Rose 7-1-35-0, Pierson 12-3-34-1, Trascothick 103-3-34-3; Parsons 4-0-14-0.

Souting: Gough 5-1-21-1, Shierwood 5-2-12-2: Haptison 4-3-6-2, White 4-3-3-0

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

Imples: A Clarisson and E Leatinester

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M E Trascottick not out
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Total (for 8, 18 overs)

Did not bet P M Hutchson.

Fate 1-4 2-8 3-8 4-43 5-43

liable to stray he can bowl an the principal destroyer being not awkward delivery. Walsh, with Courtney Walsh but the tall fast- the wind, had no need to move medium 22-year-old Jon Lewis, out of second gear as batsmen whose return of 6 for 49. in- waited in trepidation for the one that whistles past the nose. Once Steve James, taken

last summer, through illness. slip, was seventh out the innings

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Final day of four HOVE: Susseer (20pts) of Lanceshike (3) by two wickets.

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Bowling: Bowen 3-0-13-1; Evans 25-0-30-1.
Umpkras: J.C. Bakkerstone and M.J. Harris.

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otal (for 4, 5.5 overs) .

Sussex v Lancashire

### **Sporting Digest**

Green Bay Packers defensive end Reggie White, 36, will announce his

tershire able to avoid humilia-

tion. With Jack Russell, in

kamikaze mode, he put on 19

World 200 metres champion Ato Boldon equalled the third-fastest time ever over 100m on Sunday when he recorded 986sec in Walnut, California.

Joe Bugner and James 'Bonecrush-er' Smith will create history later this year when they fight for a version of the world heavyweight title. Bugner, now 48, is set to take on 43-year-old Smith for the World Boxing Federation crown on the Gold Coast on 22 June - with their combined age of 91 set-ting a record for a world title fight. Chris Fuhant, hadly bruised follow.

PRESIDENT'S CUP: (Kingstown, St Vincent): No play on Sunday because of rain. Wordward blanck 202 (8 West 72. ) Murray 54: N McCarnel 5-3; R king 3-45; Gurena 307; St Chardward 25; V Durras 4-41; (Charlestown, Navis): James 22; V Durras 4-41; (Charlestown, Navis): James 22; V Durras 4-41; (Charlestown, Navis): James 22; T Powel 63; Leeward Islands 306; N. Arthurton 50; R. Jacobs 76; D. Joseph 51;

ond Division game at Northampton (ve on a big screen at Craven Cottage. Sean Dundee, Karlsruhe's South African-born 52.75m-rated striker, said yesterday he is seeking a move to an English club next season.

Englands women will be managed by Dick Bate, tollowing last months resignation of Ted Copeland, when they warm up for their World Cup qualifler against the champions, Norway, with a friendly against Italy at The Hawthorns torlight. Bate will be in charge only temporarily, because Hope Powel will take over in July.

Golf

The Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth next month is to follow the example of the Open by offering free entry to juniors under the age of 16 accompanied by a "responsible" adult. The German Open on 6 to 9 August will be held at the Nick Faldo-designed Sporting Club Berlin in Bad Saarow.

US LPGA MYRTLE BEACH CLASSIC (South Cerolina) Leading final scores (US unless stated): 259 k Webb (Aus) 65 66 69 67 272 M Makin 62 73 69 69 273 D Papper 73 68 66 62 274 L Neumann (Swel) TD #63 67 J Mooder 69 69 67 62 206 k Robbers To 70 71 64, L Kane 72 68 70 65: T Barrett 70 69 66 70, C Nisman (Swel) 66 69 73 69 GB: 282 L Hackney 71 68 73 70, 283 L Dawes 70 72 73 66 264 S Strudwick 71 73 73 67.

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PGA WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1 E Els (SA) 1222 points average, 2 T Woods 1186; 3 D Love B 1005; 4 G Norman (Aus.) 1002; 5 C Montgomere (EG) 881; 6 J Leonard 878; 7 D Duval 8377; 8 P McLetson 8375; 9 N Price (2mb) 804; 10 M Chieston 804; 11 M Ozsio Japan) 800, 12 TLerman 770, 13 L Westwood (EB) 638; 14 V Singh Fifti 628; 15 S Hoods 57; 16 J Furly 553, 17 M Calcasectos 554; 18 T Watson 550; 19 F Coupes 543; 20 B Langer (Ger)

The Canadian player Mark Teevens collapsed after watching his German team. Bad Neuheim, play on Sunday and ded, apparently of a lung embolism. He was 31 London's new head coach, Jim

Fuyarchuk has rejected suggestions that his team's strong financial posi-

### Rallying

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Rugby League The Castleford Tigers hooker Richard Russell will be out of action for up to

Friday's defeat at Leeds.
The former Wigan assistant coach, Ray Unsworth, has been appointed director of coaching by the Rugby League. His first job will be to combine the coaching schemes of the professional and applications responsible. amateur organisations

The Widnes referee Stuart Cummings will complete a hat-trick of Wembley appearances when he takes charge of next months Sik Cut Challenge Cup final between Wigan and Sheffield Eagles, Cummings relereed both the 1996 and 1997 finals

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Shetheld): First round (Best of 19 trames): S Davis (Eng) to S Bedford (Eng) 10-6; J Far-roti (Eng) leads P Lines (Eng) 6-3

Tennis

MEN'S ATP TOUR (Monte Carlo): First round: N Kieler (Ger) bl F Manikla (Sp) 6-1 6-4: M Philippoussis: (Aus) bt J Alones (Sp) -76-46-6-5: S Gruspean (Fr) bl N Lepenth (EC) 6-2 6-4, F Clavel (Sp) bl A Ponac (Sp) (Ec) 6-2 6-4, F Clavet (Sp) bi A Portac (Sp) 6-2 6-1; M Norman (Swe) bi M Flippiri (Unu) 2-6 6-2 7-6, E Bectivet (Ger) bi J Siemetria (Neth) 5-7 7-3 6-1; W Ferreria (SA) bi S Schalken (Neth) 4-6 6-2 6-4; J Visoca (Sp) bi D Nargiso (in 6-3 6-4, S Dosede) (CZ Rep) bi M Rosset (Swe) 5-6 4-; B Ultract (CZ Rep) bi M Rosset (Swe) 6-3 1-0, A Costa (Sp) bi T Engrist (Swe) 6-1 6-3; H Araz (Mortal Sp) bi K Alami (Albr) 6-3 7-5
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(Sp) 1654; 20 T Engvist (Swe) 1574 LOTTO LADIES OPEN (Budepest): First round: J Halard-Deduge (Fr) bit N Dedry (Fr) 63 6-4; E Maharma (Rus) bit N Studendro-vo (Storés) 4-6-67-67-51. Giltrario-Rubio (Fr) ht A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 8-2-6-4; C Tor-rens-Valero (Sp) bit P Subrez (Arg) 6-3-6-2

Britannic Assurance County Championship There day of four unless stated Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

PRISTOL: Glemorgan (21pts) bt Glouces-tershire (4) by 141 runs. Groucestershire won loss Glemorgen – First Inalogs 238 (A Date 75). GIOUCESTERSHIRE – First Ingings 144 (S. 

Fall (cont): 2-106, 3-107, 4-113, 5-125, 6-125, 7-125, 8-133, 9-138 Bowling: Walsh 17-6-42-3. Smith 7-2-15-1: Lawis 142-4-49-6; Alleyne 5-0-14-0; Ball 5-2-

GLOUCESTERSHIRE - Second Indings GLOUCESTERSHIPE - Second meanings
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N M Alegyne C Shaw B Butcher
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Failt 1-10 2-10 3-13 4-19 5-27, 6-46, 7-75, 8-Bowling: Water 12-2-28-2; Thomas 9-2-37-4; Butther 8-3-3-22-4 Umpires: V A Holder and N.T Flews.

Today's fixtures

Kent v Middlesex CANTERBURY: Middlesex have reached 144 for 5 in their first imaings. Today: 11.0. Kent won total
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r excommed. Bowling: McCague 11-3-32-0; Headley 155-6-32-1; Pass 4-07-0; Philips 15-6-41-2; Esthern 11-4-16-0; Flarmin 6-2-12-2 11 Yang 4-U-7-U, Plants S. C. Harring B-2-12-2.
KENT: O P Futton, R W T Key, M M Patel, A P Wale, M J Washer, M A Eafter, D W Headley, M V Flaming, T SA Marsh, B J Philips, M J McCague, Umpirest, J-H Harris and R Julian.

Surrey v Northamptonshire THE CVAL: No play yesterday. Today: 13.0. SURREY - First lonings 88 for 1. Warwickshire v Durham

EDGRASTON: Durham (7pts) require 219 rute in their second burings to best Warelcichire (7).

raini 1-68, 2-67, 3-108.
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Final day of four NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Pro

LEAGUE OF WALES: Borry v Carmertieri, New Iown v Bilow Vole. point vision vision promiser Dhylaton: Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds (70), Flest Dhylaton: Gritishy v Sunderland (70); Notre County v Port Vision (70), Secret Dhylaton (70); Notre County v Port Vision (70), Third Dhylaton: Creative field v Scarborough (70).

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Starting today

### American football

Athletics

Boxing

Chris Eubani, badly bruised following Saturday rights World Boxing Organisation cruserweight defeat by Carl Thompson, left the Manchester Royal Infirmary yesterday. A statement from Frank Warren's Sports Network organisation incided there

Football Fulham will show Saturday's sell-out Sec-

Englands women will be managed by

Hopp Powell wit take over in July.

ENGLAND WOMEN'S SOUAD (International friendly v barly, West Bromwich, senight): R Brown (Liverpool), P Cope (Missel), S Reed (Arsenal), A Worrall (Stockport), G Coultard, C Utley (both Dontaster Beles), F White (Arsenal), M Mariey (Everon), S Britten, A Cottler, H Powell (all Croydon), S Easton (Everton), D Murphy (Ashwall), K Burke (Everton), S Smith (Frances), M Cetterall, Li leptroph T Prodoc.

Ice Hockey

tion will make them Superleague non will make triem superiologic champions next season. At the end of the season, I will have to justify my expenditure. It's not just a matter of going out and buying in whoever I want. I will have to work within a budget like everybody else," he sald. Bracknell Bees new coach is Dave NFILL (Sun): Westergton 2 Carolina 1: Boston 2 Philadelphia 1 Ortawa 2 Buffalo 1: St Louis 5 Anahem 3: Toronto 2 Vancouver 1 S Artanger St. (comit of Year Double 1. WORLD CHAMPIONS FIRST Pool B (Libitara, Stoven); Stovene 5 Brean 1; Dermari 2 Notway 1; Umanne 3 Nestherande 3 Peterna 3 Esterna G Standlings; 1 Umanne 5 pc; 2 Stovens 8: 3 Estona 6; 4 Dermark 5; 5 Poland 3; 6 Creat Brean 2 7 Norway 0; 8 Nethoritgaris 0.

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# Pitman on wrong track say Aintree

By Richard Edmondson

GRAND NATIONAL officials yesterday rushed to defuse the comments of the trainer Jenny Pitman, the so-called "Queen of Aintree", who believes that the horses, or live with our conrace held earlier this month was a shameful contest which to race in such circumstances should never have been run. Pitman said in a letter to Ain-

tree's organisers that the National, during which there were never again be run in such autocious conditions. Only six of the 37 starters finished in murderously heavy going and one of them had to be remounted. Pitman found the Grand

palling" state after she walked it on the morning of the race. "We have the utmost respect for a route down to Becher's. Jenny, who is extremely knowledgeable and obviously a great hours to walk the Grand Nasupporter of ours at Aintree." Charles Barnett, the course's route for our horse to take. I was managing director, said yester- extremely distressed at the state day. "Any comments she makes of the course which, in our opinare taken very seriously.

else had thought the course was day and Friday's racing." unfit, racing would have been cancelled. This is not a decision made by the racecourse. It is to keep it out of the commercial domain.

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authorities on three occasions on the day of the race about the danger to horses. She claimed to have found holes up to a foot deep on her scouting expedition. "We cannot defend ourselves to the public, to our owners, our sciences if we allow our horses again," she said. "Changes need

to be made to ensure we do not need to hang our heads in shame. I did not get much sleep three fatalities this year, should on Saturday or Sunday night as I felt tainted over the events." The trainer walked the

course with Rodney Farrant, the jockey who was to ride her horse, Nahthen Lad. "By the time we reached Becher's Brook National course to be in an "ap- I was so distressed by the appalling state of the ground that I contacted my office," she said. She immediately communicat- "It was like trying to thread your ed her dismay to the executive. way through a minefield to find

"It took us one and a half tional course to find a safe ion, was caused by the ground "Obviously, if we or anyone not being replaced after Thurs-

Barnett maintains that considerable work had been done on the course after Pitman's inmade by the stewards on the day spection, but that her comments would be considered in the review undertaken by Ain-In a memorandum to Lord tree and the Jockey Club. Oth-Daresbury. Aintree's chairman, er factors that may be discussed

size of the field is reduced from a maximum 40 to 30, and that all runners should be vetted. Last night the trainer was less forthcoming. "This is a private and confidential matter and I will continue to treat it as such,"

The main criticism, and Pitman is not the only complainer, is that the Aintree terrain was not properly repaired following the chewing up caused by the previous day's Foxhunters' Chase. "There was nothing wrong really with the going for the National, but the husbandry left a little to be desired." Josh Gifford, whose Brave Highlander fell at the Canal Turn. said vesterday. "They should have had men on the track straight after the Foxhunters' and the course should have been put back that night. Aintree have a lot on their plate, but with the amount it costs to run a horse in the National, everything should be right,"

If the National needed a supportive spokesman it emerged yesterday in the shape of Nigel Twiston-Davies, who enjoyed success just over two weeks ago with Earth Summit. "I had no worries at all on the morning of the race," he said. "Mrs Pitman could have taken her horse (who fell at the 11th) out of the race. To whinge afterwards doesn't help anybody and doesn't help the image of

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Graeme Le Saux (front) and Rio Ferdinand tangle during England's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday

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# Gascoigne worry for Hoddle

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Football By Clive White

ENGLAND expects and 34 senior players dutifully reported for training at Bisham Abbey yesterday in preparation for Portugal tomorrow and beyond, even if some of them had to hobble along there. But before a ball had been kicked the Liverpool pair, Jamie Redknapp - as ever - and Dominic Matteo withdrew while serious doubts were raised about e availability of Paul Gascoigne, who did not train.

At this rate the nation could be sweating on Gazza's fitness and form right up until the start of England's opening World Cup game against Tunisia, since the England coach conceded he might take a chance "on one or land's only truly creative talent.

possibly two" doubtful starters among his final 22, which he names on June 2.

At least England are in better shape than they were for last month's disappointing 1-1 draw against Switzerland in Berne -"that was horrendous" - when they were hit hard by absenteeism, particularly from the country's two leading clubs, Arsenal and Manchester United. But the latest setback for

Gascoigne - an ankie injury sustained playing for his club Mid-City last Friday - is worrying, not so much the extent of it as yet another indication of the mdifielder's brittleness. As it is, he has been playing with a groin injury these past few weeks. Hoddle, as ever, was keeping his faith in the resilience of arguably Eng-

Hoddle is understood to have already discounted the chances of Gascoigne facing a Parlour and Manchester Unitside at Wembley who are well known for their wealth of midfield quality, although publicly he was maintaining there was still a possibility. "The ankle's improved but not as much as we would like," said Hoddle. "We've got a little bit more time

but time is running out." seemed to intimate that time with Parlour given the rightwas running out for his World sided berth. Hoddle does not dlesbrough against Manchester Cup selection too - "it's a have much time left to find out, jinx against him. You scratch chicken and egg situation, he if it is not too late already. needs games" - but instead chose to finish his appraisal of his favourite footballer on an upbeat note. "He's had enough football left in him this season to recover from that [injury] to have no problems for me picking him come June 2."

toss-up between Arsenal's Ray ed's Paul Scholes as to who will replace Gascoigne - if indeed the man is replaceable - and unlike the championship tace the odds would seem to favour the Old Trafford player. Unless, that is. Hoddle chooses this game as the one to see what young David Beckham is made of in At one point Hoddle the pivotal position in midfield

> Redknapp would have been another contender but again the young player has been struck down by what Hoddle describes as "his England jinx". Red- thought-but it looks as though knapp, just back in the Liverpool team after injury, suffered a ligament strain playing against

It would appear to be a Coventry on Sunday which will keep him out for possibly a few weeks. His team-mate, Marteo, gashed an instep in the same game while Steve McManaman was another from the Anfield club who did not train, because of an ankle injury. "It's incredible," Hoddle

said with regards to Redknapp, "the bad luck he's had. Every time there's an England get-together or a match coming up or indeed every time be plays for England there's some sort of pens to him. I had a really long chat with him last night - he's a positive lad - and he'll hounce back. It's not as bad as we first he's going to be out for a few

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# Heart murmur stalls Spencer move

By Alan Nixon

JOHN SPENCER'S £1.5m move to Everton is in doubt because a medical on the Scottish striker showed he has a heart murmur. The diminutive striker will undergo further medical tests this week.

Spencer was due to move from Queen's Park Rangers after impressing Everton's manager. Howard Kendall, during a

loan spell and had agreed terms. Everton club doctors are trying to find out the nature of the murmur. Spencer has not had any trouble in the past and is shocked by the revelation. Other players have played on

despite having heart murmurs, but some transfers have also fallen through because of heart problems. Asa Hartford was the most famous case when Leeds called off a move in the Sevendergo surgery tomorrow. ties when it was found he had a hole in the heart. Hartford played on well into his thirties

and had a long career for club

against relegation but he will not

and country.

Everton had another surprise when they learned that the defender Mitch Ward fractured his ankle seven weeks ago, rather than suffering ligament damage as first thought. The club had hoped Ward might make the final matches of their battle

be able to play until next season. Ward was taken off against Newcastle on 28 February, but the fracture has only just been discovered. The player will un-

Kendall said: "We had the injury X-rayed and scanned immediately and the medical report we received showed no bone damage."

Everton have John O'Kane serving a one-match ban and Tony Thomas also out through injury for Saturday's home match against Sheffield Wednesday.

Representatives of Ruud Gullit have rejected Ken Bates' description of the former Chelsea coach as a "part-time

chairman wrote in the programme for Sunday's game against Sheffield Wednesday at Stamford Bridge that Chelsea were not prepared to pay Gullit while he "carried out his lucrative commercial contracts at the expense of his training".

Gullit's representatives, Jon and Phil Smith, have disputed those claims. Jon Smith said: "I find it incredible that Ken Bates should waste the ink in his pen writing such complete and utter fabrication. Of the four major contracts Risud had none interfered with his job at

Chelsea.' The row between Bates and

playboy manager". The Chelsea Gullit has been simmering ever since the latter's departure in February when he was replaced by Gianluca Vialli.

> Birmingham City's 37-yearold captain, Steve Bruce, has opened contract talks after being offered a new one-year deal.

Bolton's manager, Colin Todd, is trying to sign Denmark's Bjorn Goldback, as a possible replacement for Alan Thompson, who has attracted the interest of several clubs.

The Middlesbrough striker Marco Branca will miss the last three matches of the season and any play-off ties because he needs a cartilage operation.

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